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Second Chief returns from southeastern homeland

ALABAMA — A trip back to the ancestral homelands of a Nation is special for any Tribal citizen. After all, the realization of traveling to an actual place and time that helped establish your family's lives and is partially responsible for your very own is quite memorable.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation Second Chief Alfred Berryhill recently did just that, making a historic trip to the southeastern United States. The Tribal Mounds in Ala-



Berryhill

bama as well the Horseshoe Bend Military Park in Alabama were some of the areas Berryhill made special pilgrimages to recently. Other places included Fort Jackson and Fort Toulouse, also in Alabama.

The National Park Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior now maintain the Horseshoe Bend area which is included on the National Register of Historic Places as well as a National Military Park.

The site of Horseshoe Bend will forever remain in Creek lore of where the historic battle whose unfortunate outcome would eventually lead to the forced march of the Muskogee (Creek) Tribe to present day Oklahoma as well as to a new way of life.

Upon arriving at the majestic areas that encompasses over two thousand acres, the Second Chief felt compelled to speak his native language and revere the moment, place, and time.

"I'm just humbled to be here," said Berryhill. "To be in the homeland of our Creek people, be

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Tribe purchases new buses for Transit Program



Pictured above with one of the four new buses purchased for the Transit Authority is, from left to right, Della Cherry, Director of Community Services, Jack Chaney, Federal Roads, Chief A.D. Ellis, Ben Chaney, Transportation Manager and Michael Flud, Chief of Staff. The new system is expected to be fully functional and carrying passengers by the first of August. Schedules and pick up points are being developed and will be published soon.

Chief files legal petition against National Council

OKMULGEE — Muskogee (Creek) Nation Principal Chief A.D. Ellis has filed a petition against the Muskogee (Creek) Nation National Council. The suit was filed in Tribal Supreme Court on June 30.

According to Chief Ellis, the reason he went to the Supreme Court is because it concerns constitutional issues about the three branches of government.

"We knew it was constitutional issues and we wanted to specify the duties of the three branches of government — legislative, executive and judicial," Ellis said.

Chief Ellis mentioned that he has told the Council he sees the action as a move to stream-

line this government, to move things quicker. "We are getting bogged down and I believe this is going to help everybody," said Chief Ellis.

Chief Ellis understands the magnitude of the legal matter and how some may mis-interpret the action as hostile or personal, but the Muskogee (Creek) leader only wants tribal citizens to know that it is a decision meant for a positive result for everyone. "I believe this is going to be a chance to find out actually what our duties are and what we can and can't do to move the Nation forward."

By press time, no court dates have been scheduled. (For a complete review of the petition, please see page 5).

Impressed with Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageants
Editor:

Honorable Chief Ellis and Honorable Second Chief Berryhill, I want to tell you both how nice it was to meet you and what a wonderful experience I had judging the Miss Muscogee (Creek) Nation Pageants this weekend. Having not been to these particular pageants before, I was very impressed with the exemplary way that the pageants were coordinated by and the team approach used by Alice Coe, Jeri Brandon, Virginia Thomas, Cynthia Coachman and the countless other Muscogee (Creek) Nation employees and volunteers. It is obvious that a lot of planning and work went into these events and it shows. I've seen enough of the pageant scene on a local and state level to recognize a top-drawer operation when I see one.

It is quite evident to me that family and community play a very important and treasured role within the Creek culture. The support systems you have in place are impressive to see. Without question, I know that you both must be very proud to represent your people.

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Expression of thanks

Editor:

Thank you so very much for the Spotlight article "Creek Evangelist is a servant to the people." Harry Long was a part of a group of Creeks who met once a month in Phoenix for several years and who contributed to Haskell Institute on an annual basis. I was part of that group 20 years ago, during then I was a Counselor at Mesa Community College.

Harry Long also tried to teach us the Creek language, although I'm sorry that I didn't learn very much. Part of the group sang church hymns in Creek language and made some recordings.

I thought that Harry Long was an employee of the United Methodist Church, although I did not see that mentioned in your article. Regardless of his denomination, he is a fine example of a Christian and I am happy to have been the recipient of some of his teachings.

It was so good to read about him in your publication.
Billie Jane McIntosh, Flagstaff, AZ

Expression of appreciation

Editor:

On behalf of the members of the Tallahassee (Wvkokaye) Ceremonial Ground, I wish to express my appreciation to Okmulgee Council Representative Rita Williams and the National Council for their assistance in completing the Ground's shower and bathroom building.

Thanks to Steve Bighorse and the Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise who did the work on the renovations. Asi and his crew did a great job. For the grounds that may be considering a building, request MNBE, they will complete the job in no time.

Thanks again Rita and members of the National

Council for all of your hard work in assisting all the grounds.

David J. Proctor, Mekko
Tallahassee (Wvkokaye) Ceremonial Ground

Members express appreciation

Editor:

On behalf of the members of the Tallahassee (Wvkokaye) Ceremonial Ground, I wish to express our appreciation to the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the Creek Nation Festival Committee in allowing us to host the second annual stompdance held at the Omniplex on June 16, 2005. It was an honor and a privilege to be a part of the 31st Annual Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival.

We had a large turn out for the evening meal which fed approximately 375 people. Thanks to Stoney and the crew at Charlie's Chicken, they did a great job. Chief A.D. Ellis, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill and a few Council Representatives were present during the supper and dance. Chief Ellis greeted the gathering of people and welcomed them to the opening of the Festival. The Muscogee (Creek) Princesses were also in attendance and recognized. We would like to thank the Pageant Committee for scheduling a visit for this event.

The stomp dance that followed the meal also had a large gathering of friends, relatives and visitors. Several Ceremonial grounds were represented. We also had our friends from White Oak and Little Axe and other tribes join in the dance. Good singing and shell shaking went out until 11:30 p.m. or so. Chief Ellis, Claude Sumner, Mr. Flud and Council members danced a few rounds. We are going to have Chief Ellis leading before the summer is over. Thank you to all our friends from the grounds that participated and supported the dance, without our friends the dance would not have been as good as it turned out. I would also like to thank our friends who provided the articles for the raffle.

A special thank you goes out to my family, our ground members and friends for their hard work before and after the dance.

A successful event like the stomp dance takes the cooperation and hard work from a lot of different people. I hope the dance will continue to be a part of the festival. Thank you

to all the grounds, I know you are getting ready for Green Corn. Thanks again to the Festival Committee for your support.

In closing, I want to thank the Creator, for all his guidance. He has given us the opportunity to gather together, to enjoy another day of fellowship with friends and to continue our traditions to pass on to those yet to come.

David J. Proctor, Mekko
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Office of the Principal Chief

by Chief A.D. Ellis

Congratulations to all Creeks who enjoyed the 31st Annual Creek Nation Festival.

Each year seems better than the last. Most impressive was the Festival parade thru downtown Okmulgee. I expected to see a few floats and was shocked to see more than fifty; churches, ceremonial grounds, students and employees made the parade a huge success the first year. One person compared the Friday and Saturday night



crowd to the Tulsa fair midway. I want to thank all the volunteers who worked many hours to produce this great festival. Without employee's like these our Tribal leaders could do nothing. Great job folks from the Chief's office.

Construction is going on everywhere. Now under construction is the Coweta Clinic, Sprung Building, Tulsa Casino Expansion, New Head Start Building, Transit Building, Okemah, Duck Creek, Eufaula casino expansion, OPG office renovation, big Okmulgee office expansion, etc. Growth is everywhere in the nation except the New Tulsa casino. This legislation is still stopped in the national council. I want to remind everyone in the west coast area about myself, staff and managers going to be in west Hollywood July 21st - 23rd.

A large meeting will take place Saturday all day and we'll get to know everyone. Please take time to attend and we will continue to include the California creeks as a vital part of our nation. A great big congratulations to our new Living Legends, **Harry Long**, **R. Perry Beaver**, **Hepsey Gilroy** and **Amos McNac**. It was such an honor for me to present these legends with their awards. Also, **Bob Arrington** was awarded a plaque declaring "Bob Arrington Rodeo day" during this year's 32nd Annual Rodeo. We now have a new Lighthorse Chief of Police, **Mr. Jack Shackleford**. Congratulations Jack and good luck on your new job.

Quote of the Month: "Always listen to experts, they'll tell you what can't be done and why. Then do it."

Second opinion

by Second Chief Alfred Berryhill

Over this past weekend, our Nation Celebrated its Independence Day. My son and his wife's family came to my house to celebrate by popping firecrackers. I don't really feel that they were popping firecrackers to celebrate Independence Day, but it was something to do as an annual family event. Much like some people do on Sunday, simply because it's Sunday and their family has done this for years.

On August 2, 1975, the founding fathers of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation signed into law our Constitution. On that very auspicious day, a new Nation within a Nation was reborn. When the final battle of the Creeks took place at Horseshoe Bend, this began the fruits of removal. Some people call this time, "migration". To me, only animals migrate. The Constitution established three separate branches of government. The Legislative, Judicial and Executive were created. This government was to be elected by the people.

Like any other Nation, we have grown from a small one room school house to what you see today. When the Creek Nation was removed to Oklahoma, the citizens of the former Confederacy no longer existed as a federally recognized group of people. What, then, existed that made so many of us say that we were Creeks? There was no government to point to. There was no Constitution to point to.

The only things that existed before the Con-

stitution signed on August 2, 1975 were churches and ceremonial grounds. How many of you that attend church remember the annual conferences, associations and conventions? Before the huge campgrounds were erected, the churches met at different churches. I remember when they had the annual conference at New Town. That year, we must have had a monsoon because when you drove down Eufaula Street west of Okmulgee and turned onto the road to New Town, you couldn't get through because the road was flooded over. Willie Sampson had a flat bed truck and transported people through the waters to what became an island at New Town. Still there were many tents erected where people were camping. The camp houses were all a bustle with preparing meals three times each day for a week.

They had an arbor made of lumber and they erected a brush arbor. The main arbor was where the adults and elders met. The brush arbor was for the youth. Only Creek was spoken at the main arbor. The youth were spoken to in English. Sometimes they would ask one of the Creek speaking preacher to go and speak to the youth. Most of them would decline because they couldn't speak very good English.

No one had CDIB's or Tribal Membership card, but were all welcomed to attend. Camp houses encircled the church and each camp was given a number and people attending were issued tickets that had numbers on it and the day that camp was serving and everyone had to go to the camp number that was assigned to them on the ticket. When you got to the door, there was someone there to check your ticket and punch a hole in it. The main question back then was, "who's serv-

ing ice tea?" They didn't have crushed ice; they had block ice and kept it in an "ice box". Tea leaves were boiled to make the tea.

I know that the Ceremonial Grounds always, and still do, look forward to their annual Green Corn Dance. Back then, if you didn't get there early enough, you were in for a walk because cars were all over the place. The dance circle was huge because of all the people and they stayed in tents also. The language of the day was all Creek. Every now and then, you would hear one of the men say, "let's dance before it rains".

Most of us back then had attended one of the Boarding Schools and we would always look forward to one of the events to meet our old school mates. Back then, there were a lot of fluent Creek speakers. We thought they would be here forever, but now most of them are gone. The thought of having a new Nation excited everyone because they thought that their needs would be met. Our people had been surveyed and surveyed, but nothing was happening. I remember when they came and asked my parents questions concerning a new housing program. They were all excited, but they didn't get to live in one until they were in their seventies. They were fortunate because if we used today's standards, they wouldn't qualify because they are on social security.

Here's a rather startling statistic. The following information was provided to me by the Citizenship Board on how many full bloods were enrolled within the past ten years: 1995 - 11, 1996 - 8, 1997 - 12, 1998 - 7, 1999 - 14, 2000 - 3, 2001 - 6, 2002 - 4, 2003 - 9, 2004 - 2, and 2005 - 3. The grand total for these years is 79 and our present enrolled citizenry is 58,904. *Mvto.*

Muscogee National Council overview

OKMULGEE — The following consists of actions of the Muscogee (Creek) National Council conducted at the May 23, special session.

May 23, Special session

Absent were: **Nancy Watson**, Okfuskee District; **Lena Wind**, Okfuskee District; **Robert Jones**, Okmulgee District; **Shirlene Ade**, Tukvptvce District; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa District; and **Cherrah Ridge Quiett**, Tulsa District;

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptvce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

Nancy Watson, Okfuskee district arrived during executive session;

In order of business the Council:

council went into executive session then adjourned.

May 31, Emergency session

Absent were: **Duke Harjo**, Creek; **Tom Pickering**, McIntosh; **Nancy Watson**, Okfuskee; **Sandra Golden**, Okfuskee; **Keeper Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Lola Fields**, Tukvptvce; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa; and **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa.

Speaker **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptvce District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

Swearing in of new council member **Paula Willits**, Tulsa District;

representatives: **Watson**, Okfuskee; **K. Johnson**, Okmulgee; **Fields**, Tukvptvce arrived during committee as a whole;

In order of business the Council:

- approved (20-0-0) TR 05-092, authorizing the Principal Chief to execute a temporary permit with B & B Fireworks for the operation of a temporary fireworks sales establishment on tribal trust land;

representative

Golden arrived before vote count was taken;

- approved as amended (21-0-0) NCA 05-097, amending MCNCA Title 16, §§4-105, 106.B. and 109 to clarify police officer education requirements;

- approved (19-1-1) NCA 05-125, authorizing a

special appropriation to assist a Muscogee (Creek) citizen with costs of living associated with an internship;

voting no were: **S. Johnson**, Muskogee;

abstain were: **Gillespie**, Wagoner.

June 10, Special session

Absent were: **Anthony Notaro**, McIntosh; **Sandra Parish**, Muskogee; **Lena Wind**, Okfuskee; **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptvce; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa; **Cherrah Ridge-Quiett**, Tulsa; and **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa;

Second Speaker **Richard Berryhill**, Wagoner District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

In order of business the Council:

council went into executive session then adjourned.

June 10, emergency session

Absent were: **Anthony Notaro**, McIntosh; **Lena Wind**, Okfuskee; **Robert Jones**, Okmulgee; **Thomas Yahola**, Tukvptvce; **Larry Bible**, Tulsa; **Cherrah Ridge-Quiett**, Tulsa; and **Robert Hufft**, Tulsa;

Second Speaker **Richard Berryhill**, Wagoner District, conducted the meeting and did not vote.

- approved as amended (11-6-1) TR 05-079, confirming **Jack S. Shackelford** as the Chief of the Lighthorse Administration;

voting no were: **Harjo**, Creek; **Pickering**, McIntosh; and **Watson**, Okfuskee; **Fields**, Tukvptvce; **Cleg-horn**, Tulsa;

abstain were: **Willits**, Tulsa;

K. Johnson was out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- postponed (11-6-0) TR 05-084, authorizing the Principal Chief to enter into a financing agreement with JP Morgan Chase, N.A. to temporarily fund the construction of the new casino at Riverside Drive until permanent financing can be obtained;

voting no were: **McIntosh**, McIntosh; **Parish**, Muskogee; **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; **Nichols**, Okmulgee; **Fields**, Tukvptvce; and **Gillespie**, Wagoner;

K. Johnson was out of seat at the time of casting of vote;

- approved (16-1-0) NCA 05-122, authorizing a special appropriation to assist a tribal member in extreme need of emergency aid;

voting no were: **S. Johnson**, Muskogee; representatives **McIntosh**, **Nichols**, **Pickering**, and **Harjo** had left at 10:00 p.m.



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standing on a spot that was created thousands of years ago...and I can't really express how I really feel, I'm just humbled."

The Second Chief later mentioned that he was also impressed with how tribal members would work together and how they sweated the details, in design and craftsmanship in the areas they chose to live. Berryhill went on to commend how the Muscogee Fore Fathers created special building components to build the homes and erect the buildings they worked and worshipped in. Impressive structures such as temples that were sometimes erected over 60 feet in the air with bases often as wide as 3 acres. Earthen materials such as clay, cane, and wood were creatively innovated to make these structures. How the structures were solid like modern day bricks of homes today and how they were designed to stay cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Berryhill also mentioned the people

used scientifically based astronomy in planning yearly calendars and observance of special seasons. "I just felt like I could have lived there," said Berryhill when he first toured the encampments and took a poke at how modern society is totally wrong in their views of Native Americans. "With how we lived and what we accomplished," I think the term 'uncivilized' applied to other people, not us!" exclaimed Berryhill.

The 2nd Chief also commented on how important tools such as the Atlatl (pronounced AT-LAT-UL) was really a progressive symbol of technology. The creation, which could be used as a weapon also, accelerated a dart at the specified target. Invented thousands of years before the bow and arrow, the Atlatl used projectionary force, not uncommon from the theory that is used in the modern creation of NASA space shuttles.

Berryhill said he was also proud of how tribal members worked together for the betterment of the common cause which was to preserve a way of life and to keep families safe. Especially in times of battle, when key military theatres such as Horse-

shoe Bend were unfolding. "It's a beautiful place now," said Berryhill when referring to the National Park, "but it was terrible then."

Berryhill also wants to make sure that so called historians and others are informed correctly of the battle mentality of the Muscogee warriors back then. "For sure, our warriors did not run, or back away from anyone! They had their faces painted, one side was red and the other was black. The red represented war, and the black was for death, both colors meant that they were prepared to face both."

Although history's end results had the Muscogee (Creek) tribe moving westward, the 2nd Chief also sees how the creator's hand still played a unique part. "We wouldn't be in Oklahoma, we wouldn't be doing a lot of the things we are doing now. God always puts us in the right place at the right time. We just have to know that its his plan, whatever it is, it's going to be good."

The 2nd Chief was joined by Creek Council House Museum Curator Ted Isham.

In the Supreme Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

A. D. Ellis, in his official capacity as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation,
Plaintiff

v.

Muscogee (Creek) Nation
National Council,
Defendant

Petition

The Plaintiff, A.D. Ellis, in his official capacity as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation ("Plaintiff") States:

1. Plaintiff is the duly elected Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. Pursuant to Article V of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, all executive power and authority of the Nation is vested in the office of the Principal Chief.

2. Defendant is the duly elected Muscogee (Creek) National Council ("Defendant" or "National Council"). Pursuant to Article VI of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, the legislative power and authority of the Nation is vested in the National Council.

3. This Court is vested with original jurisdiction to determine Constitutional questions and inherent jurisdiction to resolve disputes between the branches of government.

4. Defendant has taken actions which exceeds its legislative power and authority and infringe upon, interfere with, and usurp Plaintiff's executive power and authority in violation of the Constitution of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and the doctrine of separation of powers. Those actions include, but are not limited to, the following:

A. By correspondence dated April 27, 2005, Defendant directed Plaintiff to conduct an evaluation on Claude Sumner, Executive Director. The Executive Director is an officer of the Executive Branch.

B. Plaintiff has called extraordinary sessions of the National Council pursuant to Article V § 4 of the Constitution and the Rules of Procedure of the National Council. At one or more of these extraordinary sessions, the National Council changed the agenda and/or deleted agenda items set by Plaintiff for consider-

ation, and modified the rules of voting on legislation.

C. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code, Title 30 §§3-104, 8-101 and 8-102 purport to subject Plaintiff and all Executive Branch officers and employees to be summoned, questioned and punished at the will of Defendant, with or without subpoena.

D. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code, Title 16 §4-105 purports to subject Lighthorse Administration policies and procedures to the approval of Defendant. The Lighthorse Administration is part of the Executive Branch.

E. TR 05-091 purports to engage legal services on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation but retain control, direction and supervision of the contract with Defendant.

5. Plaintiff is entitled to a declaratory judgment against the Defendant finding that all executive authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is vested in the office of the Principal Chief and specifically:

A. Defendant has no power or authority to direct Plaintiff to take any action with regard to Executive Branch officers or employees.

B. Defendant must address, without change or deletion, the agenda of the Principal Chief at meetings of the National Council called pursuant to Article V §4 of the Constitution without modification of the rules of voting on legislation.

C. Muscogee (Creek) Nation Code, Title 30 §§3-104, 8-101 and 8-102 are unconstitutional and void as to Plaintiff, Executive officers and employees.

D. Muscogee (Creek) Code, Title 16 §4-105 is unconstitutional and void insofar as it attempts to subject Lighthorse Administration policies and procedures to the approval of Defendant.

E. Contracts approved by the Defendant for the Nation must be executed by the Executive Branch, not Defendant.

6. Plaintiff is entitled to a preliminary and permanent injunction, or in the alternative, a writ of prohibiting the Defendant from all direct and indirect actions and attempts to usurp and exercise authority of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and specifically:

A. Enjoining Defendant from any involvement in employment decisions of the Executive Branch beyond Constitutional "advice and consent."

B. Enjoining Defendant from altering or deleting the agenda of the Principal Chief at extraordinary sessions of the National Council called pursuant to Article V §4 of the Constitution, and enjoining Defendant from modifying the rules of voting on legislation at those sessions.

C. Enjoining Defendant from directly or indirectly subjecting the Executive Branch to the supervision, control or approval of the Defendant.

D. Enjoining Defendant from executing and retaining control of contracts on behalf of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

Therefore, the Plaintiff, A. D. Ellis, in his official capacity as Principal Chief of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, demands the following relief:

A. A declaratory judgement as described above;

B. A preliminary and permanent injunction as described above;

C. In the alternative, a writ of prohibition;

D. All other relief as may be just and proper.

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A.D. Ellis being of lawful age and sworn upon oath states that he is the Plaintiff in this case and he has read the foregoing Petition and the statements contained therein are true and correct.

A.D. Ellis

Subscribed and sworn to before me on June 27, 2005 by A.D. Ellis.

Rod W. Wiemer, Notary

Tribal College to host first Tribal Forum

OKMULGEE — The first annual College of the Muscogee Nation Tribal Forum will be held on July 21 in the Mound Building Auditorium. The general public is cordially invited to attend this historic and enlightening meeting to ask questions and find out answers to exactly what this new college is all about.

The sponsors of the Forum, which begins a 10 a.m., include the Muscogee Nation, OSU-Okmulgee and the Creek Council House Museum. The theme is "Education for the 21st Century" for *Este Mvskokvlke* (the Muscogee people). Featured speaker will be University of Chicago anthropologist Raymond Fogelson. He will address education among Muscogee peoples as well as native ethnology. He is the foremost anthropological authority on the Southeastern Indian peoples and he just completed Vol. 14 of the prestigious Handbook of North American Indians Series for the

Smithsonian Institution. Chapters in this volume of Southeast Indians treat Muscogee people in their homelands and in Indian Territory. Professor and board Regent Dr. Blue Clark will serve as Moderator for the forum. Expected to offer remarks also are Principal Chief A. D. Ellis, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, College of the Muscogee Nation Board of Regents Chair Ramona Mason, as well as OSU-Okmulgee President Bob Klabenes.

All Tribes Community Church of Tulsa will host the pre-program reception.

Afternoon activities include a tour of the OSU-Okmulgee and College of the Muscogee Nation facilities. The forum is free and open to the public. Come and find out where the vision this new college will be taking the Creek Nation. There will also be afternoon tours of the OSU-Okmulgee campus. For more information, call Ted Isham at the Creek Council House Museum at (918) 756-2324.

MCN Arts Council sets organizational meeting

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Arts Council plans to have its first organizational meeting to disseminate information and plan the vision of a proposed Arts Council that will involve all aspects of Muscogee arts.

All interested artists, including all aspects of art such as, painting, music, basketry, pottery, performance arts, and all types of traditional work are encouraged to attend. The general public is also invited to attend.

The meeting will be held in the Mound Building Auditorium on July 19 at 10 a.m. For more information, call Ted Isham at (918) 756-2324 or Malissa Napier at (918) 756-8700.

Koweta Indian community updates citizens

COWETA — The Koweta Indian Community is having adult Muskogee (Creek) language classes and an adult ceramic workshop on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Our class of 2005 graduate, Aaron Noble won first place medal in golf. He plans on attending Haskell University this fall. Their class motto is "ambitions of success, dreams of victory, goals to reach, life to grasp; we will survive." KICC wishes Aaron much success in his next step in his education.

KICC had many elder participants in the elderly activities during Creek Festival. There was two winners in the bingo activity with two baskets of food won by Bob Bryant and DeLoise Johnson. A gift certificate won by Ernestine Miller. The facility was nice and attendance was around 300. I know we had fun and I hope everyone else did too.

The community is in the process of teaching computer classes to our members that are interested. There

will be basic and advance classes. For more information, contact the community center at (918) 486-3288.

Eufaula dormitory accepts applications

EUFAULA — Creek Nation Eufaula Dormitory is now accepting applications for enrollment for the 2005-06 school term. Eufaula Dormitory is a BIA funded peripheral dormitory for boys and girls, first through 12th grade. Junior High and High School students enrollment date is August 9 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Elementary students will enroll on August 10 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Enrollment is limited. Therefore, contact the dormitory as soon as possible for applications. Classes begin on August 11 at the Eufaula Public Schools.

All new students are required to have a CDIB, Social Security card, up-to-date immunization records, birth certificate, physical, report cards and/or transcript from the previous school year. All returning students grades 5-12 will need to have a sports physical if they are planning to participate in sports.

Eufaula Dormitory offers a structured environment with supplementary services such as tutoring, behavioral and academic counseling, library and computer-learning resource center. Eufaula Dormitory has begun five (5) day residential services for our program. In this program, our students are taken to a designated bus stop location in their area on Friday evening and picked up at the same location on Sunday afternoon/early evening.

You may visit our website at www.eufauladormitory.org or write to the following address: Creek Nation Eufaula Dormitory, 716 Swadley Drive, Eufaula, OK 74432. For further information, contact the Administration Office at (800) 896-3181 or (918) 689-2522.

JOM youth attend Conference

HULBERT — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation's Johnson O'Malley Program participated in the Joint-Tribes Youth Leadership Conference held at Western Hills Guest Ranch on June 26 through 29. There was a total of 60 students and sponsors from the Joint-Tribes, with 18 students coming from Creek Nation. In addition, Creek Nation supplied 3 facilitators, 4 staff and 2 workshop presenters along with those of the Choctaws and Chickasaws.

The students enjoyed seeing police K-9 dogs demonstrate from the Chickasaw Nation Lighthorse; 'The Knights of the Guild' demonstrated jousting on beautiful, huge, horses draped with regal looking fabrics and the 'knights' in their striking suits of armor. Their presentation was very inspiring and presented a challenge to all who heard and it gave a lasting impression.

In addition, students from grades 7-12 attended workshops, took a trip to 'the Cherokee Village' at Cherokee Nation, had a hay ride and wiener roast, ice-cream social and swimming. The week was concluded with an awards banquet and dance. Many of those who attended weren't ready for the week to end and they made a lot of good friends from around the Nations represented.

The focus of this conference is on developing leadership skills that our youth can use and develop as they continue to adapt in our society. The facilitator and their assigned group worked on leadership projects in their daily group time. We can be proud of the youth that represented Muscogee Creek Nation.

Gates Millennium Scholars

ALBUQUERQUE, NM — The American Indian Graduate Center announces that 150 Native American students that will receive the Gates Millennium Scholarship. Out of 150 students to receive this scholarship, three of these candidates were Creek tribal citizens. They were Amber Jones, Amy Cobbs and Cassie Sudderth.

To be nominated as a Gates Millennium Scholars candidate, a student must meet the following requirements:

- be a citizen or legal resident or national of the United States;
- have a cumulative GPA of 3.30 on a 4.0 scale;
- plan to enter an accredited college or University as a full-time, degree seeking freshman;
- demonstrate leadership abilities through participation in community service, extracurricular, or other activities; and
- be American Indian/Alaskan Native and submit proof of tribal enrollment or certificate of descent.

Gates Millennium Scholarships for American Indians is overseen by the American Indian Graduate Center and administered by the United Negro College Fund. For more information, contact AIGCS at (866) 884-7007.

Births

VICTORIA RENEE JAMES

OKMULGEE — Victoria (Tori) Renee James was born May 10 at Okmulgee Memorial Hospital to Renee Jones and Randy James Jr.

Victoria weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Her maternal grandparents are Robert Bill Jones and Yvonne Benson both of Okmulgee. Paternal grandparents are Victoria Foster of Tulsa and Randy James of Okmulgee.

Maternal great grandparents are the late Elmer Jones and the late Elsie Roberts both of Okmulgee. Paternal great grandparents are Shirley and Bernard Wilson and Ireatha Rice and Ed James all of Okmulgee.



James

SAVANAH NICOLE MANN

OKEMAH — Savannah Nicole Mann was born on April 12 to Talia Culley and Glenn Mann Jr.

She weighed 9 lbs., 1.1 oz. and was 20.3 in. long.

She belongs to the Aligator clan and a member of the Okfuskee Ceremonial Ground.

Maternal grandparents are Farron and Irene Culley. Paternal grandparents are Glenn Mann and Rosemary Moore.

Maternal great grandparents are Lorene Culley and the late Paul Culley and the late Amos and the late Juanita Harjochee. Paternal great-grandparents are Melvin and Cleona Mann and the late Lynn Rice and the late Rena Rice.

Savannah has one older brother, Korey.



Mann

JUSTIS LEE MILLER

HENRYETTA — Justis Lee Miller was born on May 16 to Yonevea Bunner and Jesse Miller.

He weighed 6 lbs and 10 ounces and 19.5 inches long.

His maternal grandparents are Pat Bunner of Henryetta, and Robert (Johnnie) Bunner; W.T. and Margie Lewis. Pater-



Miller

nal grandparents are Colleen Toombs of Preston and the late Terry Miller of Okmulgee.

Paternal great-grandparents are Dean Toombs and the late Mildred Toombs, also the late J.C. and the late Martha Miller.

Cloud celebrates first birthday with family & friends

TAHLEQUAH — Sadie Cloud turned one on June 29 and her daddy turned 28 on June 26.

They celebrated together with family and friends at the Greenleaf State Park in Tahlequah.

Sadie is the daughter of Shannen James and Dustin Cloud of Tahlequah.

She is the youngest of six siblings, Derek, Destiny, Deborah, Daniel and Christian all of Nuyaka Ceremonial grounds.

Cloud is the granddaughter of Ben Cloud of Bristow and the late Deborah Dilbeck of Fairfax also Calvin and Letha James of Tahlequah.



D. and S. Cloud

Birthday

Factor celebrate with a swimming/slumber party

HENRYETTA — Kaitlyn Factor turned 8 years old on June 2. She celebrated with a swimming/slumber party at the Henryetta Inn & Dome.

Those attending were school and softball friends and family.

She plays second base for Native Thunder softball and attends Nuyaka Indian Baptist Church.

Kaitlyn will be in the third grade at Weleetka Primary.

She is the daughter of Daniel and Ellie Factor of Okemah.

Maternal grandparents are Della Proctor and Elliot Barnett both of Okmulgee. Paternal grandparents are Noah and Lucinda Factor of Okemah.

Great Grandparents are Wilson and Ina Hicks of Okemah and the late Judy Lasley Proctor of Hanna and the late Rev. Austin and Mamie Barnett of Eufaula.

Kaitlyn has one younger brother, Josiah.



Factor

Gonseth celebrates tenth birthday

TULSA — Bre'Onna Marie Gonseth celebrated her tenth birthday with family and friends at Incred-

ible Pizza. Bre'Onna's birthday was on June 28.

She is the daughter of Telicia Dixon of Edmond and Eric Gonseth of Preston.

Her maternal grandparents are Ron and Janet Johnson of Okmulgee. Her Paternal grandparents are Sherryl and Clarence Gonseth of Okemah.



Gonseth

Society

Hooper receives awards for accomplishments

SAPULPA — Elijah James Hooper attends Liberty Elementary school. He is 8 years old and in the 2nd grade.

He received achievement Award in Reading (25 books) By: Sandy Garrett State Superintendent, Rising Reader, Good Behavior 2 Super Reader Award, Independent Reader Award, Ready Reader Award, Add Master, Star Master, Double Star Master Award, Triple Star Master Award, Received Student Recognition Award plaque by Sapulpa Indian Education Program.

Elijah was promoted to the Third Grade. He is a member of the Wind Clan and attends Morning Star Fellowship.

Elijah is the son of Sonya Hooper of Sapulpa and Walter Hooper of Tahlequah. He was served breakfast in bed by his grandparents and mother at his request.

Native Thunder competes in Pryor Tournament

PRYOR — On June 10-11, Native Thunder competed at the Pryor Tournament. There were eight teams in the tournament and the girls played a total of six games in the two day event.

The girls finished third in Kellyville, second in Mounds, first in Liberty, and third in Henryetta. They are currently 12-1 in league play with one game left to play.



Blackjack and Poker are now in the Creek Nation Casinos

Under the compact with the state, the Creek Nation Casinos are now allowed to offer the card games Blackjack and Poker. Tulsa began offering card games on June 14, Muscogee began offering them on July 1, and Okmulgee began offering them on July 3rd.

Blackjack is played between each player and the dealer. Even with up to seven players at a table, each person plays alone against the dealer. Each person who beats the dealer wins. Play-

ers also win if the dealer busts (goes over 21) and they don't. Players automatically win if their first two cards equal 21 (called a blackjack). If the dealer has a blackjack then a player's blackjack is a push (neither the dealer nor the player wins).

Blackjack uses a regular deck with card values the same as other games, except for the Ace. The Ace is worth either one or 11 depending on the player's hand. Jacks, queens, and kings are worth 10, and numbered cards are worth their number. The goal is to get the highest card value without going over 21. Players add the value of the cards in front of them, remembering the Ace is worth either one or 11. If the card amount goes over 21 the player goes bust and the dealer wins the hand.

A couple of examples: If a player has a king, a five, and an ace then the ace would be worth one and the hand has a value of 16. If a player has a two, an eight, and an ace the hand has a worth of 21 because the ace is worth 11. Note, however that this hand is not a "blackjack" because it required three cards to get to 21.

The dealer deals each player two cards, face up. The dealer then gets two cards, one face up and one face down. Players can then ask for more cards until they are ready to stop or they have gone bust. After players have finished making their hands, the dealer turns over his face down card.

If the dealer's hand is less than 17 he must

take a card. This goes on until the dealer's hand is equal to or greater than 17. If the dealer's hand is 17, but it contains an Ace that counts as 11, the dealer has what is called a soft 17 (as the Ace can count as a one as well) and must take another card (which if that card would put the dealer over 21, the dealer's Ace is counted as one and you then check to see if the dealer is over 17 or not). If the dealer has 17 either without an Ace, or with the Ace counting as a one, then the dealer stands.

If the player has a better hand than the dealer he or she wins the amount of his or her original bet. If a player gets a blackjack he or she wins one and a half times the amount of their original bet. For example, a \$10 bet would win \$15 if the player got a blackjack.

An ante is required to play before each hand is dealt. This fee is collected by the Creek Nation Casino to host non-house backed table games in Oklahoma. Monies collected to create a players pool are disseminated back to the players via promotional prizes. Place your bet by placing chips in the circles directly in front of your seat.

Poker is a separate, and very different card game than Blackjack. One of the versions of poker played in the Casinos is the popular "Hold 'Em" version. That is the game we will be describing below.

To get started inform the card room host of the type of game and limit of the game you want to play. You will be immediately placed in a game or on a waiting list to get into the game. The wager varies from game to game. In general, the minimum buy-in (amount you must have to be allowed to play) is five times the maximum bet. For example if you wish to play a \$1 - \$4 limit game, you must begin play with at least \$20. You can then play as many or as few hands as you like, leaving the table any time between hands or after you fold. Take

any money you have held onto or won. Generally, the player skill level increases in proportion to the table limit. If you are new to poker it is advised that you start out with lower-limit games before progressing to the higher limits.

To begin the game a white disk called the dealer button is given to a player that makes that player the nominal dealer (not the actual dealer) for that hand. Before any cards are dealt the player to the left of the dealer (person with the white button) must bet "in the blind." (Without getting to see any cards.)

Each player then gets two cards, called hole cards. These are dealt face down. The players look at these and may then call the blind bet (to leave the bet as it is), raise the bet, or fold.

After everyone has chosen to call or fold, comes what is called the "flop." The flop is just three cards dealt into the center of the table that everyone still in the game gets to use. The player who bet in the blind may now raise the bet.

When everyone either calls or folds, a fourth card is dealt with the previous three. This card is called "The Turn." Betting limits normally double with this card once it is in play. After the betting is done the fifth card, called "The River" is played into the middle with the other four. Players then use these five cards, plus the two cards that they have in their hand to make the best poker hand that they are able. Whoever has the best poker hand wins the bet.

Hands go in order of Royal Flush (a straight, all of the same suit, starting with an Ace, and going through the 10), straight flush (straight all of the same color), four of a kind, full house (three of one card, two of another, if a tie happens on a full house, whoever has the highest card in triple wins), flush (all five cards the same suit), straight (all five cards in order, but not of the same suits), three of a kind, two pair, pair, and high card (if players have the same card (eg. both have ace as the high card) you then look at the next high card and so on.



Pictured above (left to right): Michael Flud, Chief A.D. Ellis and Claude Sumner try their hands at the new Blackjack tables.

Tulsa Casino project update

TULSA — Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise has poured all the foundation and the new structural steel is in place and the subcontractor is applying the exterior skin. Interior drywall work will be starting within the next week. The digital conversion on the camera system has been completed as well.



Election Board

The following registered absentee voters need to contact the Muscogee (Creek) Nation election board office at (918) 732- 7684.

Acheson, Marilyn R.	Aquino Jr., Ricardo M	Baughn, Juanit Janett	Boerstler, Darrell Lee	Bucktro Jr., Alvin Lee	Casey, Patricia Ann	Coker, Katrina Marie	Davis, Don Juan
Acree (Ollie), Dora M.	Aquino, Domingo	Bear (Bruner), Mamie	Boneau, Kathryn Jean	Bucktro, Anita Carol	Castle, Betty Jean	Cole Jr., James	Davis, Glen Marshall
Adair, Harold Dean	Arbuckle, Carol Ann	Bear, Dale Lucas	Booth, Larry Joe	Buie, Ruth Ann	Castro, Larry	Murray	Davis, Gwendolyn D
Adams III, Willie S.	Archer, Bryon Lee	Bear, David	Booth, Sara Jane	Builer, Leona	Demetrio	Cole, (Rundell),	Davis, Linda Faye
Adams, Brian	Archer, Jerry Dale	Bear, Jamison O	Border (Couch),	Elizabeth	Catland, Barbara Jean	Bobbie	Davis, Martha
Howard	Archer, Leroy	Bear, Lijah Ray	Peggy	Buller, Matthew Alen	Caudill, Peter Ian	Cole, Theresa Liegh	Kathryn
Adams, Lauren	Webster	Beaty, Rozan	Bosin (Butler), Sandra	Bumpass (Tibbs),	Caywood, Melissa	Coleman, Steve M	Davis, Mary
Myrna	Archer, Melissa Jane	Beaver, Edgar Ervin	Bouchie, Kristy Lynn	Annie	Ann	Combs (Doyle),	Margaret
Adams, Nancy	Archer, Randall Mark	Beaver, Jody Neeha	Boujaoude, Margaret S.	Bunner , Cheryl	Chalakee, Theron	Beulah	Davis, Mella Marie
Muriel	Arnett, Tenia Elaine	Beaver, Lisa Dawn	Bowen, Leslie Dyan	Bunner, Angela Dawn	Layne	Combs, Harold	Davis, Nicole
Adams, Neal Victor	Arpoika, Bobby Iso	Beaver, Shelton Oliver	Bowers, Donna Eloise	Bunner, Kenneth	Chalakee, Tommy L.	Barton	Rochelle
Adams, Paula Sue	Arzola, Sherri Lynn	Beaver, Vanessa Ann	Boyd, Carla Denise	Mosey	Chandler, Linda	Combs, Marcus	Davison, Ronald
Adkins, Stella P	Asbury, Charles	Beaver-Herilla, Robin	Boyle (Barton),	Burgess, David	Paulette	Lewis	Gene
Adolph, Gregory	Edward	Bell (Kelley), Mary	Barbara	Kenichi	Chaney, Christopher	Combs, Melvin Lewis	Day (Goins), Janie L.
Adolph, Jeffery	Asbury, Lillian Jo	Bellamy, Robert	Bradford (Davis),	Burgess, Linden Phelix	R.	Combs, Robert	Day (Harjo), Ora
Eugene	Ashmore, Yvette M.	Joseph	Lillie	Burgess, Nathaniel R.	Chaney, Kevin Burke	Kimbal	Mae
Agent (Post),	Atkins, Janeth	Bemore, Pamela Gay	Bradshaw, Valerie Ann	Burgess, Phelix A.	Chase, Tina Renee	Condreay, Maude E.	Day, James Henry
Samantha	Kaye	Benedict, Jessica Ellen	Benn, Samantha Jane	Burgess, Randal Yale	Chase, Walton Cole	L.	Deacon, Denette Ann
Aguilar, Rachel Marie	Atkins Jr., William N.	Benn, Bobby Iso	Brady, Mary Allen	Burgess, Raymond	Chastain, Michelle N	Conley, Oscar Lee	Dean, Richard Vernon
Akins, Cynthia Marie	Atkins, Kathy	Bennefield, Harold P.	Brady, Mary Allen	Lee	Checotah, Benjamin G.	Conrad, Millicent W	Deaver, Sarah, Jean
Alexander, Debra	Jeanette	Bennett, Myrtle Mae	Brandon Jr., Noel W.	Burkhart, Lea Ana	G.	Cook (Elsey), Helen	Deere (Harjo), Mord
Kay	Atkins-Clerc, Ambra	Bennett, Sammy Lynn	Brasuell, Perry Slay	Burkhat (Byard), Lisa C.	Checotah, Orvilon	Cook, (Thomas)	H.
Alexander, George S.	Aubrey, Herbert F.	Benson, Billie Dennis	Brasuell, Wallace	Burns Jr., George	Checote, Johnnie Lee	Joyce	Deere, Christopher C
Alexander, James	Audd, Richard Martin	Benson, Kyleen Susan	Wade	Alvin	Chock, Dawn Anne	Cook, Jacqueline	Deere, Dana Michelle
Alan	Audrain, Gertrude	Benton, Lillian Y.	Bratcher, Georgialene	Burris, Curtis William	Childers, Daniel C.	Cook, Scot David D.	Deere, Kerry Anne
Alexander, Lewis E.	Ault, Cheri Renee	Berg (Barnett), Cindy	Bratcher, Jerri Lynn	Childers, Mark	Coon Jr., Arthur	Cooper, Cranford W.	Deere, Samuel Ray
Allen (Tiger) Melissa	Ault, Richard Brian	Berryhill, Aaron Dale	Bredesen, Stephanie L	Steven	Cooper, Lyndel Lin	Cooper, Mary Nancy	Deerinwater, George
Allen Kenneth	Austin, Arma Jean	Berryhill, Adrian Lee	Breshears, Trenton	Childress, Lucy Mae	Cooper, Mary Nancy	Coots, Mark	E
Eugene	Austin, Danielle Kay	Berryhill, Billy Earl	Paul	Christian, Etta Mae	Cooper, Mary Nancy	Anthony	Demry, Lacy Deon
Allen, Bluford Warren	Austin, Susan Lynette	Berryhill, Brett	Brewer, Linda Susan	Christiansen,	Coots, Mark	Comfield, Thelma M.	Denney, Peter Donald
Allen, Carl Ray	Avants, Helen Belle	Wayne	Brewington, Patricia A	Michael.	Comfield, Thelma M.	Christy, Linda Marie	Dennis, Beverly Sue
Allen, Kenneth	Badgett, Alice Renee'	Berryhill, Jerry	Brewster, Larry	Christiansen, Patrick	Cottrell, Barbara Viola	Chuckluck, Felicia	Denny, Melissa Ann
Edwin	Bailey, Betty Lou	Dwayne	Wayne	Christy, Linda Marie	Cottrell, Cindy Lea	Faith	Deo, Steven Thomas
Allen, Kristie Jo	Bailey, Martha Eloise	Berryhill, Larry Mose	Bridges, Jordan Wade	Chuckluck, Felicia	Couch, Jack Cody	Chupco, Sammy Don	Deroin, Debra Carol
Allen, Shereen Lanier	Bailey, Robin	Berryhill, Loren	Bright, Tracy Lynn	Coulter, Kathy	Coulter, Kathy	Clark, Bessie Adella	Determan, Freda
Allison, Robert Ray	Kimberly	Wayne	Briscoe, Bobbine J.	Delores	Delores	Clark, Penny Joanne	Dewoody, Margaret
Anderson, Karen	Baker Jr., Robert	Dean	Brock, Terri Lynn	Clark, Roxanne	L	Clark, Tamra Sue	L
Lynn	James	Berryhill, Richard	Brown, Blanchard W.	Clark, Sheril Ann	Cowan, Alice M.	Clarke (White), Lisa D.	Dickerson Sr.,
Anderson, Kathryn A.	Baker, Ronald Butler	Arlen	Brown, Carolyn June	Clark, Tamra Sue	Cowles, Agnes Lorene	Clary, Ruth Ellen	Dickson Sr.,
Anderson, Michael	Baker, William Travis	Berryhill, Shirley Ann	Brown, Martha R	Clarke (White), Lisa D.	Cowles, Jimmy	Clayton, Kevin Elmer	Roosevelt
Jon	Baldridge, Steven J.	Berryhill, Walter S.	Brown, Minnie Lucille	Cox, Jerry Edward	Cowles, Jimmy	Clayton, Ronald Jay	Dickey, Alice
Anderson, Robert C.	Bales, Jerry Alvin	Berryhill, Woodrow	Brown, Pennie	Cox, Laura Sue	Josephine	Clayton, Shirley Ann	Dickson (Jones),
Anderson, Robin Lee	Bandy, Wanda June	Beshear, David	Daylene	Cox, Winnie Jo	Velma	Cleary (Logan)	Dieh, Richard Scott
Anderson, Solomon K.	Banks, Carol Elaine	Wayne	Brown, Robert Scott	Coy, Annie Jo	Digranes, Jo Lynn	Regina	Dixon, Dru Sherman
Anderson, Steven	Banks, Lori Lea	Best, James Ernest	Brown, Sarah Ann	Coy, Bobby Lynn	Dobbs, Michael	Cleghom, Jason	Ray
David	Banowetz, Margaret.	Best, John Hogan	Brown, Sherri Lou	Coyle, Randy Alan	Dobson, Leah-Alicia	Grant	Dobson, Mikel Lee
Anderson, Susan	Barlow Jr., Charles A	Bethel, Pearla Mae	Brownfield, Kelli	Crain, Ambia Lea	Dobson, Mikel Lee	Clements, Lois	Doering, Linda Anne
Denise	Barnett Jr., Charles B	Betis, Mildred Lee	Renee	Crawford, Linda Carol	Dorman, Rachael M.	Charlene	Dorman, Rachael M.
Anderson, Zachariah J	Barnett Jr., Jackson Lee	Bevenue, Melissa M.	Brownfield, Oscar Jeff	Crawford, Scotty	Dorsey, Gary neill	Clemmer, Elizabeth J	Doss (Sarty), Carol J.
Anglen, Michael W.	Barnett, Brandon E.	Bible, Matthew C.	Broyles, Evelyn	Shane	Doss, Douglas Steven	Clifton, Debra Kay	Doss, Reginald Keith
Anglen, Paul Gene	Barnett, Christopher T	Bigler, Michael David	Louise	Cricklin, David Ricky	Doss, Samson Wayne	Clifton, Dianna Lynn	Doss, Trae Jame
Anglin, Marlene	Barnett, David Ronald	Billhimer, Carolyn	Bruce, Lucas Douglas	Cron, Teresa Marie	Doss, Tracie	Cline, Shirley Ann	Doyle, Annalis
Joyce	Barnett, Jackson Lee	Billings, Robert Willie	Bruner, Christopher G	Crook, Danetta Ann	Drew, Earl E.	Clin, Shirley Ann	Driscoll, Rosie Lee
Ansel Jr., Billy Joe	Barnett, Ronald Ray	Billy, Franklin T.	Bruner, Douglas	Crook, Danetta Ann	Driscoll, Rosie Lee	Clinton, Gary Glen	Drotos, Jennifer Ann
Ansel, Billy Joe	Barnett, Sandra Carole	Bingham, Tammy Lea	Rentie	Crosby, Shonna E.	Drotos, Jennifer Ann	Cloud, Clinton Lew	Drywater, Jason Lee
Ansel, Charles Albert	Barratt, Virginia Sue	Bird, James Edward	Mitchell	Crouse, Jacqueline M	Dunham, Bessie Lee	Cloud, Rodney	Dubose, Icy Ree
Ansel, Earnest	Barrett, Rhett L.	Birdcreek, Amos B.	Bruner, Jannie	M	Dunham, Bessie Lee	Eugene	Dunn, Donna Jo
Ansel, Delorse Ann	Barron, Delorse Ann	Black, Carolyn Ruth	Mazella	Crowell, Margurette M	Dunham, Bessie Lee	Coachman, Agnes	Dunn, Mark Eldon
Wayne	Bartmess, Dione Marie	Blackwell, Douglas A.	Bruner, John Daniel	Crowell, Thomas James	Dunham, Bessie Lee	Coachman, Brenda	Dunning, Betty Lou
Ansel, Floyd C.	Barton, Andrew	Blakeley, Mary Lu	Bruner, Lady Beatrice	Cruse, Carrie	Dunham, Bessie Lee	Sue	Dunson, Daryl Gene
Anspaw, Carrie Willis	Robin	Ella	Bruner, Randal Louis	Elizabeth	Dunham, Bessie Lee	Coachman, Charles M	Dunson, Gary
Apple, Mildred	Barton, Brenda Carol	Blalock, Richard Allen	Bryden Sherry	Cully (Fixico), Anna L.	Dunham, Bessie Lee	Coachman, David	Dunson, Marty Craig
Louise	Rosella B.	Blankenship,	Annette	Daniels, Lance S.		Coachman, James P	
Applegate, Pamela		Dempsey	Buchholz, Deborah A.	Daugherty, Jenifred		Coachman, Joseph D	
		Blankenship, Donald D	Buck, Kevin Edward	Davidson, Oneawa		Cobb, Youvon Linell	
		Blankenship, Ricky W	Buckley, Bernice	Kay		Cochran, Brenda Kay	
		Block, Margaret C.	Aloma	Davis (Chotkey)		Cockrum, Kathleen L	
			Buckley, Harry	Estelen		Cody, Jenny Lee	
			Linnell	Davis Jr., Oneil		Coffman (Sanger)	
			Buckley, Jonas Billy	Davis, Anthony P.		Karen	
			BuckmasterII, Donnie	Davis, Billy		Coker Jr., Thomas E.	
			Buckner, Billy Gene				

Housing Loans for Muscogee Veterans

OKMULGEE — On June 24, Mr. Karl Pack, representing the United States Department of Veterans Affairs from Houston, met with the Muscogee Nation to initiate the VA housing program titled, "Native American Direct Loan Program." The program was established to buy, build or improve homes on trust land. "This program was brought to my attention in April by Muscogee Veteran Mr. Daniel Simmer. I researched the program, downloaded the agreement required and talked with our tribe's 1st Assistant Attorney, Shannon Cozzoni, about the program. She told me that it is a very workable program, common sense and long overdue," said Ken Davis of the Muscogee Nation's Veterans Affairs Services Office. He then added "Shannon Cozzoni is a strong driving force in securing the agreement needed between the VA, BIA and our tribe. She is perfect for this task."

In attendance at the meeting were Karl Pack, Ken Davis, Shannon Cozzoni, National Council Representative Bill Jones, Floyd Waters of the BIA, Malissa Napier of the Principal Chief's Office, Sonya Lytch

of Tribal Realty, Jackson Barnett of Senior Services, Vicki Curry of the tribe's Mortgage Assistance Program, and Veterans Daniel Simmer, John Yahola, and Cheparney Harjo.

"Once the (Memorandum of Understanding) is agreed upon and signed by the National Council, BIA, USDVA and Principal Chief, we will hit the deck running," emphasized Ken Davis. "This program is another 'earned and secured' available to our Muscogee Veterans. This program has never been used by any tribe in Oklahoma. This office will be the conduit for processing and submission of the loan packages; from Okmulgee straight to Houston," added Davis.

The "Native American Direct Loan Program" is expected to be in place by August. "The fast and enthusiastic support from National Council Representatives Bill Jones, Tony Notaro and Sue Johnson has added tremendously to this effort. We could not do this program, gain the confidence of the VA and secure a benefit for the Muscogee Veterans without the support of our National Council and our ever supportive Principal Chief and Second Chief," said Ken Davis.



Front row, (l to r): Cheparney Harjo, John Yahola, Ken Davis. back (l to r): Jackson Barnett, Daniel Simmer, VA Representative Karl Pack, National Council Representative Bill Jones.

Williams Family Reunion

WELEETKA — The Williams Family Reunion will be held July 16 at the Weleetka Indian Community Center starting at 10 a.m. Descendants of Synthe Williams and Willumpka are invited to attend.

Anyone attending is asked to bring a covered dish. For more information, contact Sylvia Fish at (405) 786-2556 or Dana King at (405) 786-9219.

Southern California Indian Center's Pow Wow

POMONA, CA — The Southern California Indian Center will be holding its 37th annual Pow Wow on July 29 through 31 at the Fairplex.

For more information, call (714) 962-6673 or visit their website at www.indiancenter.org.

Oklahoma Indian Legal Services

OKMULGEE — Oklahoma Indian Legal Services will be at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Realty Department on July 14 starting at 10 a.m.

Anyone wanting to meet with a representative, can call (918) 732-7713 and schedule an appointment.

Senior Citizen breakfasts and dinners

OKLAHOMA CITY — The Salvation Army Inter-Tribal Native American Senior Citizen Center lo-

cated at 3416 S. Robinson, invites all seniors age 55 and older to join them for breakfast on Monday mornings beginning at 10:30 a.m. and for lunch on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30 a.m.

There is also an Indian Taco fund raising every Friday at 11:30 a.m. The center offers a variety of activities such as Indian bead work during the week as well.

The center Director is Carole Hume and Marcella Gooden Owen is the Coordinator. For more information, call at (405) 636-0260.

School Clothing Program

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Office of Child Care will be accepting requests for school clothing assistance beginning July 11 and running through October 11. Applications may be picked up at your nearest tribal community center or call (800) 205-3705 or (918) 732-7680 and an application will be mailed to you. Applications should be mailed to: Muscogee Creek Nation Office of Child Care, P.O. Box 580, Okmulgee, OK 74447.

Applicants must be a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and must be enrolled in Head Start through Grade 12. Must have proof of school enrollment. Must submit household income. Parent/Guard-

Creek Delegation attends Ft. Sill Ceremony

OKMULGEE — A three member Creek Nation delegation attended the Change of Command ceremony for Lieutenant Colonel Jerome Hawkins, Commanding Officer, 3rd Battalion, 30th Field Artillery Regiment on June 20.

"Our tribe was honored to be invited to participate in Colonel



Pictured (l to r): Jackson Barnett, Lt. Col. Jerome Hawkins U.S. Army and National Council Representative Bill Jones present Muscogee Nation Colors to Lt. Col. Hawkins at the Change of Command ceremony on June 20.

Hawkins' Change of Command," commented National Council Representative Bill Jones. "All Muscogee Veterans remember Colonel Hawkins when he came to our tribal mound building and honored us at last year's Veteran's day ceremony," added Jones.

Representing the Muscogee Nation was National Council Representative Bill Jones, Jackson Barnett from Senior Services and Veterans Affairs Services Office, Ken Davis. "He is our Colonel. A stalwart leader. Lt. Col. Hawkins is what is best in the Army. He deserves our Colors," said Ken Davis.

Lieutenant Colonel Hawkins was transferred to his new Post in Virginia.

ian/Primary Caregiver must provide 1 month current income verification. Include either: Check stubs or a copy of the first page of your 2004 Income Tax Return. Must include both incomes if married. If not married please state this on the application. If unemployed, a notarized statement must be submitted. If you are receiving assistance from other agencies because you have no income please submit verification of assistance. If the applicant is not the parent but is acting on behalf of the parent, then give documentation in the form of a custody order or a notarized statement from the parent (giving the applicant permission to apply on behalf of the children) must be provided. You must submit copies of each child's Muscogee (Creek) Nation Citizenship Card or a printout from the Citizenship office.

Monies received for school clothing must be used for clothing items and/or shoes only. Only original applications will be accepted, no duplicate copies allowed.

Information regarding an application or payment to an applicant is confidential. Application will be returned if all documents are not submitted. Applicants approved depending on availability of funds.

Dumiak, Sharon Marie	File, Wanda Lou	Gable, Susie Ann	Guild, Elizabeth	Harvey, Alpha Mae	Holloway, Eastman R	James Jr., Orville E.	Kellehan, Carla Dawn
Durossette, Robert D.	Finch, Jerry Allan	Gallagher, Darla Jean	Guild, Virginia Ann	Harwell, Gilbert Paige	Holloway, Gwen Marie	James, Jeffrey Warren	Kellehan, Paula Jean
Durossette, Rodney Lee	Fish Jr., Eddie Robert	Gallagher, David Glenn	Gullicksen, Timothy	Hatcher, Leslie Kay	Holmes, Rebecca	James, Michael Lee	Kelley, Flora Darlene
Duvall, Darin Lee	Fish Jr., Louis	Gamble, Robert Lee	Gutierrez, Marcella L	Hatcher, Ozelle	Holmes, Shirley Ann	James, Robert	Kelley, Loretta Iene
Duvall, Matthew Glenn	Fish Jr., Mitchell	Garcia, Deborah V	Gutierrez, Marcella L	Hawkins Jr., Barney	Holt (Dice), Hazel M.	James, Edward	Kelly, Bill Dean
Eads, Arron Phillip	Francis	Garrett, Eula Velma	Haddox, Kevin James	Hawkins, Clint Clay	Holt, Marvin Louis	James, William	Kelly, Martha
Eads, Ira Vernon	Fish, Cindy Lynne	Garris, Pamela Jean	Haggard, Arby Nettie	Hawkins, Leta Suzann	Homeratha (King), Effie	Douglas	Elizabeth
Eads, Melba Ann	Fish, Kendra Ann	Garrison (Anglen), Ruth	Haikey, John Phillip	Hayhurst, Randell Ellis	Hood (Walker), Wanda	Janzen, Teresa	Kelough, Jimmy
Eades, Rachel Ann	Fisher Jr., Lawrence H.	Gaskins, Elizabeth W.	Hain, Richard todd	Haynes, Vernon	Hood, Barry Keith	Jenkins, William	David
Eakes, Vincent Ray	Fisher, Jonathon S	Gaston, Oliver Don	Hale, Barbara Dene	Haskell	Hood, Rachel Nicole	Lance	Kemp, Randy Glen
Earnest, Tammy Dee	Fisher, Kenneth Sam	Gee, Carmen Kay	Hale, David Robert	Hays, Lisa Ann	Hooper (Webb), Carla	Jessie, Lisa Sue	Kenney, Sandra Marie
Easley, Evelyn Ann	Fisher, Lige Sam	George, Addie Faye	Hale, Debbie Sue	Heater, Peggy Lynne	Hope (Ford), Pamela K	Jihad, Roshell	Kenney, Paul Franklin
Eason, Cynthia Ann	Fisher, Wynona Jean	George, Roy Reed	Hale, Merci Lee	Heinbach, Susan	Hope (Ford), Pamela K	Jimboy, Jay Martin	Kern, Barre Dana
Eastepp, Ina Marie	Fitch, Barbara Sue	George, Ruben Dee	Hale, Robert Lee	Henderson, Charles J.	Hope, Kathy Jo	Jimboy, Marcy	Kerr, Dennis M
Eastep, Tommy Lee	Fixico (Spencer), Lenah	George, Stephen Rufus	Hale, Tommie Nelson	Henderson, William V.	Hopgood, Adrienne M.	Jimboy, Tonya Renee'	Kerr, Marc Randan
Ebahotubbi, Michelle D.	Fixico, Anthony Glen	Geralis, Marsha Lynn	Hailey, George Elmer	Hendrix, Janice Louise	Horton, Artie Raynell	John, Mary	Kezer, Claude Dean
Edwards Jr., Richard W.	Fixico, Antonia	Gibson, Albert Austin	Hall, Carol Ann	Henneha, LauraBeth	Horton, Heather	Johnson (King), Lizzie	Kimble, Travis Lynn
Edwards, Elizabeth P.	Fixico, Elmer	Gibson, Pamela Kay	Hall, Mary Ruth	Henry, Connie Rene	Horton, Samuel S	Johnson, Betty Alice	King, Dale Edward
Edwards, Kenneth Lee	Fixico, Kepsey Joyce	Gibson, Sherrie Louise	Hall, Melba Jo	Henry, Johnie William	Howard, Leland Bruce	Johnson, Charles E	King, Lauren Jennifer
Edwards, Marion Lee	Fixico, Quinton Lee	Gideon, Michael Glen	Hallford, Lawrence L	Henry, Stephen	Hudgens, Wendy L.	Johnson, David A	King, Michael Eugene
Eldridge, Sherry Elaine	Fixico, Wenona D.	Gilcrease, Michael Lee	Hallford, Louie Lyon	Henshaw, Carol Lynne	Hueston, Jamie Dee	Johnson, David Lyle	King, Tara Ann
Elliott, Joseph Boyd	Floyd, Jerry Don	Giles, Justin Bruce	Hallium, Lucille	Herbert, Jenea	Hughes, James Robert	Johnson, Emma	King, Terry Damon
Elliott, Sallye Elizabeth	Floyd, Phillip David	Gilliam, Constance K.	Hallum, Terry	Lavonna	Hughes, William S	Guila	King-Simmons, Carolyn
Ellis, Vonda Kay	Foley, Brian Lee	Gilliam, Maude Marie	Hamblet, Frank Harold	Hernandez, Liza Jane	Hull, Eva Beatrice	Johnson, Erwin Jan	Kinne, Christena Sue
Ellsworth, Kristin Gayle	Foley, Mark Anthony	Gillispe, Barbara Jean	Hamblet, Ruby Elsie	Herring, Juliana Lynn	Hull, William Loren	Johnson, Gary	Kinsey, Rachel
Elston, Faith	Fontaine, Lola Maye	Gilmore, Rhyama Kay	Hammer, Leigh Ann	Herrod, Camille Anne	Hulsey, Harry James	Johnson, Gregory W.	Kirby, James Dean
Evangelin	Ford (Loney), Nina Mae	Girod, Gerald Scott	Hamon, Shona Rosella	Herrod, Lanny Chris	Hulsey, Jeffrey Leon	Johnson, Jeanetta Sue	Knight, Jackson Ray
Emery (Posey), Byron	Ford, Lillian Pearl	Gisler (Oliver), Dee A	Hanley, Regina Lynn	Herrod, Louise	Hunt, James Charles	Johnson, Joseph	Knights, Carol Denise
Emrich, Deborah Lynn	Foreman, Konya Sue	Givens Jr., Charles	Hanson, Flossie Arnita	Herrod, Richard Leon	Hunt, William	Johnson, Kimberly Ann	Knotts, Jueanita Louise
England, James Albert	Forester, Robert Scott	Gladden, Jason Michael	Hardin, Ruby Ladonna	Herron, Michael Wesley	Hunter Jr., Kathy Jo	Johnson, Mary	Knox, Clyde Douglas
England, Samuel C.	Foster, Brian Scott	Goate, Johnson Alfred	Harding, Eddie Ray	Hess, Paul Jerome	Hunter, John Howard	Blenda	Knox, Michael Wayne
English, Terry Dean	Foster, Charles	Goddard, Mary E.	Harjo Jr., Henry	Hess, Regina Ann	Hunter, Karen Joyce	Johnson, Ronald	Koshiway, Marilyn
Ennis (Couch), Patricia	Foster, David Ray	Goode, Bethel R.	Harjo Wilson Scott	Hester, Robert Joe	Hunter-Law, Michele	Johnson, Sherri Jean	Kuykendall, Malinda
Ennis, Ewelene Evette	Foster, Dawn Ranece	Goodman, Brenda Joyce	Harjo, Albert Lee	Hicks Jr., Norman W	Hurd, Gwendolyn Ann	Johnson, Thomas Lee	Lacey, Starr Dawn
Epperley, Gary Charles	Foster, Deanne Marie	Goodrich, Cynthia L.	Harjo, Barney Dale	Hicks, Gary Dean	Hurd, Terry Joe	Johnson, Twana	Lackey, Billy Joe
Epperson, Gary Nelson	Foy, Travis Elroy	Gordon, John Harold	Harjo, Bennie Duke	Hicks, Michael Keith	Hutson (Peck), Myrna	Janella	Ladd (Scott), Trisha D.
Erlar, Mary Elalee	Frailey, Marcus Gene	Goudeau, Jurlden	Harjo, Danny Allen	Hicks, Robert Jeffrey	Hyde, Richard Ross	Johnston, Tracey	Laman, Juanita
Escoe, Herschel	Franchek, Cynthia Ann	Gouge Jr., David Allen	Harjo, Gerald	Hightower, Marylou Hill (Joy), Joann	Ickes, Shonna Mary R.	Keith	Gertrude
Estle (Chase)	Franklin, Doby Sean	Gouge, Thompson	Harjo, Jennifer	Hill, Annetta Jean	Inderlied, Karen Elaine	Jones Jr., Jesse Allen	Land, Dinah K.
Kathryn	Frazier, Clayton Mont	Graham, Barbara W.	Harjo, Joe	Hill, Bryant Lee	Indian, Evangelina A	Jones, Alysia Marie	Lane, Paula Jo
Eubanks, Sammy Lee	Frazier, Constance G	Graham, Candy	Harjo, Joseph Leon	Hill, Dora May	Ingram, Alice Videlle	Jones, Bonnie Lynn	Lanham, Larry Lee
Factor, Michael Wayne	Frazier, Debra Kaye	Meithe	Harjo, Kelly Newman	Hill, Katherine L.	Ingram, Dana Leigh	Jones, Charles Allen	Lara, Wynona
Factor, Patrick Ryan	Fream, Beecher Lewis	Graham, Kimberly Sue	Harjo, Laura Ann	Hill, Levi	Ingram, Marjorie Ann	Jones, Jeremiah K	Larew, Carol Sue
Factor, Peggy Ann	Fream, Edward Lewis	Grant, Margaret Jane	Harjo, Roy Dean	Hill, Stewart	Ingram, Thomas C	Jones, Kathryn Willie	Latchaw, Raelyn R.
Factor, Stephen Walter	Fream, Kim Kimbrow	Gray, Carrie Christine	Harjo, Shelly Renee	Hill, Vanessa Jane	Ingram, Warren Todd	Jones, Kelli Joleean	LaValley, Thomas L
Falconer, Barbara Ann	Fream, Wendy	Gray, Walter Eugene	Harjo, Linda Joyce	Hill, Wayland Jess	Irons, Naomi	Jones, Kenneth Russell	Leach, Loretta Sue
Farris, Jaime Marie	Freeman II, Jack L	Grayson Jr., Curtis	Harjo, Mary Ann	Hixson (Butler), Karen	Isham, Sara Renee	Jones, Opal Delata	Leader, Cynthia Lynn
Farnsworth, Kathy Sue	Freeman, Jack	Grayson, Beatrice	Harjo, Matilda Maxine	Hoag (Scott) Mary Lee	Isham-Amos, Tina M	Jones, Patrick Wayne	Leard, Dale Lee
Feagan, Anna Faye	Freeman, Leola	Grayson, Cary Charles	Harjo, Naomi Ruth	Hobbs (Scantlen) Leann	Ishmael, Carl Casper	Jones, Phoebe Ann	Leath, Mary Catherine
Featherston, Lee	Freeman, Ronald	Green, Kevin Allen	Harjo, Opal Nanette	Hobia, Kelly Sue	Ishmael, Maxine	Jones, Shane O'Dell	Lee, Andrew Dean
Feliz, Helen Marice	Freeman, Vernon B.	Green, Lisa Suzanne	Harjo, Rhonda Dene	Hodge, Billy Gene	Jack Jr., Everett Lee	Jones, William Arthur	Lee, James Wesley
Feliz, Richard Dale	Gene	Greenwood, Heather	Harjo, Roy Dean	Hodge, Floyd Wayne	Jack, Everett Lee	Jordan, Clifford	Lee, Johnnie Mae
Fields, James	French, Alex Gerald	Greenwood, John M	Harjo, Shelly Renee	Hodge, Jerry Wade	Jackson Jr., Clifford O	Laverne	Legrand, Lahoma L.
Fields, James Allen	French, Gara Lynn	Greenwood, Nora Lue	Harjo, Ted Wayne	Hodge, Kelly Denise	Jordan, Jennifer	Lena, Louis	Lena, Linda Lou
Fields, Samuel	Frogge, Loy Rue	Greenwood, Robert L	Harjochee, Frankie D.	Hodge, Larry Dean	Deanne	Lena, Mark D	Lester, Betty Jane
Anthony	Fruit, Bernadette Sue	Gregory, Fletcher R.	Harjochee, Michael A.	Hodges, Frances Jean	Jordan, Lillian	Gladys	Leveque, Patricia Ann
	Frye, Marion	Griffin, Kristina Paige	Harjochee, Michael A.	Hodges, Francia Jane	July, Randy Lee	Levy, David Benjamin	Lewis Jr., Charles L.
	Frye, Johnny	Griffin, Marla Jean	Harper, Casey Robin	Hoffman, Judy Irene	Kaseca (Squire), Nancy	Lewis, Harley	Lewis, James Randall
	Frye II, Ed Porter	Griffith, Robert	Harper, Renee' Lavelle	Hoffman, Loretta Fawn	Kassim (Hale), Audie	Katcv, Freeman M.	Lewis, Jessie Wayne
	Frye, Fannie	Joseph	Harper, Wanda Sue	Hoffpaur, Jeffrey	Keaough, Evelyn Jean	Keel, Valace Marion	Lewis, Lizzie
	Frye, Johnny	Griffith, Tony Dee	Harris (Russell), Leva	Hogner, David Adam	Keele, Valace Marion	Keeler, Edgar Lee	Lewis, Selina Jane
	Fulwider, David Van	Grimes, Katie Lousie	Hart (Cochran), Carol	Holdaht, Louis	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Leybas, Daniel Glen
	Funchess, Edward	Grisson, John Edward	Hartung, Jeffrey Brian	Holdridge, Brandon S.	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Lidyard, Pamela Jane
	Furr, Claudette Sue	Grubbs, Darrell	Harvey (Doyle)	Holladay, Robert D.	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Lile, Janet Ruth
	Gable Jr., James	Grubbs, Michael E.	Delphia	Holladay, Marjorie R.	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Lindsey, Mary
	Gable Jr., James	Grummitt, Beverly Ann	Harvey (Haynes), Millie	Holleyman, Henry M.	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Christine
	Curtis	Grundy, Pamela Renee	Harvey, Allen Ray		Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	
	Gable, Mattie Lousie				Keene Jr., Kenneth K	Keene Jr., Kenneth K	

Etowa Mounds update

The Etowah site is one of the most famous Mississippian period mound centers in the Southeast, and has been the focus of many years of archaeological research. Despite that fact, there is still a great deal that we do not know about Etowah and its inhabitants, and that information is important to many different communities. Because Etowah was such a prominent place during the prehistory of Georgia, the information it contains is important to Mississippian archaeologists working in Georgia and the wider Southeast. Etowah's history also is important to the residents of Georgia, who fund its operation as a state park and are intensely interested in its story. Finally, Etowah is part of the cultural heritage of Native American people whose ancestors built the site, and the information it contains, in a very real sense, represents their cultural history.

This proposal seeks to explore the usefulness of a set of remote sensing techniques for gathering information about the archaeological record of Etowah. In this proposal we request permission to conduct a remote sensing survey of selected portions of the Etowah site using the proton magnetometer and ground penetrating radar. This is a cooperative project involving professional staff and students from the University of South Carolina, the University of Texas, Texas State University at San Marcos, and the Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma. The goals are to use these methods to map the distribution of buried, prehistoric cultural features and to relocate excavation units completed by previous excavators, including Larson (1972, 1989), Moorehead (1932), Rogan (Thomas 1894), and Wauchope (1966). It is anticipated that the results will be used as the basis for seeking a major research grant to conduct a remote sensing survey of the entire site area using multiple geophysical techniques. This project would likely be multi-year and involve graduate students and Native Americans. Issues Addressed by Remote Sensing at Etowah. Despite the fact that professional archaeologists have worked extensively at Etowah, there are many limitations to the data produced. Key among these limitations is the fact that most of the excavation done at the site has focused on mounds and non-mound areas adjacent to mounds. The entire site has never been tested systematically. As a result we do not yet possess a clear picture of how the entire site was used and how those uses may have changed with time.

For example, it is not possible to identify and understand how residential zones, and by extension population size, changed over time. It also remains unclear as to whether there are other specialized burial areas, outside of the site's burial mound (Mound C), that might contain clues as to the important factor limiting our ability to understand the layout of the site comes from our inability to fully understand the results of previous excavations. Rogan (Thomas 1894), Moorehead (1932), and Larson (1972, 1989) all conducted fairly extensive

excavations in non-mound areas at the site. Unfortunately, the precise location of the various excavation units has been lost either because of poor recording techniques or the impacts of time on records collections and site datum. In order to fully exploit the information gathered by these efforts, they need to be placed within the context of the larger site. Both of these problems can only be addressed by systematically examining the entire site area. Traditionally, some kind of excavation, either as small shovel test pits or larger test units, has been used to systematically sample site areas. While these methods have the advantage of producing artifact samples and encountering buried features, they do not produce information that is continuous across the site area. As a result, buried features and old test units can be missed. Also, excavation is a destructive process that, especially on a site like Etowah, must be undertaken only when clearly necessary and only after careful planning. Remote sensing surveys have the advantages of being non-destructive and producing continuous data about the location of cultural deposits and old excavations. While they must be complemented with some level of excavation, the data they produce can make it possible to target those excavations so as to minimize site impacts. Techniques Employed for this project, only two remote sensing techniques will be employed: proton magnetometer and ground penetrating radar. Each operates on different principles, detects different kinds of buried anomalies and therefore will produce complementary kinds of information (Conyers 2004; Herz and Garrison 1998; Kvamme 2001). The magnetometer measures deviations from the Earth's magnetism in specific locations and therefore primarily detects magnetic anomalies like metal and burned areas, but can also detect magnetic fluctuations caused by different kinds of cultural features. This technique should minimally detect burned structures, the palisade, and the prepared plaza surface but may also locate depressed house floors and large pits. Ground-penetrating radar projects sound waves through soil columns, which are differentially reflected back depending on density and moisture content of soils caused by soil changes, buried objects, and voids. This method may be more effective in detecting soil differences caused by the digging and filling of pits, compaction, and intentional earth construction, and should therefore detect the plaza surface, any collapsed daub surfaces associated with the palisade or houses, and other large pits. Proposed Fieldwork objectives of this project are fairly limited because the purpose is to demonstrate the effectiveness of remote sensing for mapping burial cultural deposits and relocating old excavation units. If approved, the project will move forward in two phases. Phase I will involve a three-day pilot study to insure that the equipment we intend to use (proton magnetometer) will actually produce interpretable results in the particular sediments of the Etowah site. Estimating that the crew can survey 40 m² in a day and assuming a day will be needed to establish the survey grids, the field

work of Phase I should investigate two 40-m² areas. Presuming that the results of Phase I warrant continuing, Phase II will consist of an eleven-day project to be conducted during the month of June 2005. Allowing two days for establishing survey grids, it should be possible to investigate as much as 360 m² of the site with the magnetometer. Since the ground-penetrating radar and its operators will be available only for seven days of the project, it is projected that about 200 m² of the site will be investigated with the radar. The fieldwork proposed in this project will not include excavations. While remote sensing techniques use various geophysical principles to identify buried anomalies, some kind of limited excavation is still required to fully understand the cultural implications of those anomalies. In this case, in lieu of conducting excavations to ground-truth identified anomalies we will focus much of our effort on areas where cultural features and old excavation units are known to exist. For example, one known feature to target is the clay-paved plaza located east of Mound A. Sears (1958) encountered this construction in several places during his testing of the areas east of Mounds A and B. Another known feature that will be investigated is the palisade, which excavation crews exposed in 1962 and 1995 (see King 2003b; Larson 1972). The posts of the palisade had been burned and the floor of a single bastion encountered also had a fired floor. The Brewster phase village, which Larson (Hally and Langford 1988; King 2003b; Larson 1993) has shown to contain burned domestic structures, is another area that can be targeted. We also will target the summits of Mounds A, B, D, E, and F. Old excavations exist on Mounds B, D, and F (see Moorehead 1932; King 1996; Thomas 1894) awaiting rediscovery.

Reporting of Results Processing and interpreting the data will take place at the University of Texas. Within a year of completing the fieldwork, a preliminary report of the project's results will be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources, along with copies of all data and maps produced. Also, interpretation of the results will be presented at a Society for Georgia Archaeology meeting, as well as at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Should the results warrant it, they also will be published in an appropriate journal such as *American Antiquity* or *Southeastern Archaeology*. Project Budget and Cost Sharing below are the full costs of completing both phases of the proposed project. For Phase I, the individuals involved will donate their labor, and University of Texas will donate the equipment. The University of South Carolina's Savannah River Archaeological Research Program will cover all travel costs, per diem, and housing. For Phase II, the University of South Carolina's Savannah River Archaeological Research Program will cover all travel costs, per diem, and housing for the participants from the Muscogee Nation. The Muskogee Nation will donate the ground penetrating radar and the time of its operators.

Indian Falls Creek 2005

DAVIS — Indian Falls Creek 2005 will be held on August 1 through 5. The theme for Indian Falls Creek 2005 will be "Fill the House".

The camp preacher will be Clint Sinclair, a well known evangelist. The worship team will consist of Jesse Hernandez, Tyrone Smith, Donna Bear and Neil Thompson.

"I am the children's Ministry Director, for the Indian Falls Creek and our theme this year is Fill the House. I've been attending Falls Creek since I was nine years old. I first went with AJ and Janice Tiger, which was the pastor and his wife. Although my parents did not attend I was still hopeful that they might one day. I've been going now for 25 years, I started out as a camper and now am on the executive board. There are a lot of great memories, it is a very inspirational and special place to me. When you are there you feel the spirit of God on the grounds and you feel close to it, it is an awesome feeling. I've been a member of Belvin Baptist Church for the past three years now. It is so great to see families at falls creek worshipping together and just having a great time. I was 16 the first time my mother attended, I had wanted her to come for a long time and she had told me that she had



There are many Native churches represented from all over the state of Oklahoma and the Nation.

to work, but if the plant closed she would go with me. So for a month I prayed the plant would close, and then when it did she kept her word and came to falls creek with me. That was over 20 years ago and she hasn't missed a year yet, and she also serves at Silver Springs Church. If people would take the time to experience falls creek they wouldn't stop coming. We even have some natives that come from over seas to worship with us. It's just a really great place to go, and even when I was real little I knew I always wanted to go back," said Carmen Gore.

Since 1947, families from Oklahoma and across the nation have attended Falls Creek Baptist Indian Assembly. The weeklong family encampment has fostered and promoted Christian training, inspiration, fellowship, evangelism, and missionary zeal among Indian people.

Falls Creek Baptist Indian Assembly offers campers to fellowship are the band and choir, which participate in the evening worship services.

Special activities include: a little Olympics for children, a talent show for all ages, Mr. and Miss Indian Falls Creek contest, a bible drill as well as special craft classes.

Friendly competitions in sports such as basketball, softball, volleyball, golf and horseshoes fill the afternoons; or relaxing in one of the lakes is also an option. The Underground listings include the Indian Car Contest, fry-bread and meat pie making competitions, and the Battle of the Pan Bands.

In addition to fun and fellowship, campers are also encouraged to donate to the annual blood and bone marrow drives. These vital campaigns help increase the number of much needed Native donors to each perspective bank.

Over the last 58 years, over 88,000 people have attended Falls Creek Baptist Indian Assembly. Join us for this week of spiritual renewal and fellowship.

The registration fees for adults through 6 years old is \$20 and for children 5 years and younger is \$8.

For housing options, call Slim Crabtree, housing director, at (405) 382-2334 or Jim

Gordon at (405) 382-3564. For more information contact, Victor Cope at (405) 598-8720 or e-mail at NDNrev@aol.com.



Adult games include volleyball tournaments.

Memorial Singing

HOLDENVILLE — The 38th Annual Buck Memorial Singing will be held July 29 & 30 at the Hughes County Expo Center beginning at 7 p.m. nightly. Admission is free.

On July 29, the entertainment will include: Monument Quartet; The Homesteaders; The Buck Family and Lakeside. Saturday's line-up will be: Florida Boys; The Buck Family; Lakeside and Newtons.

Oklahoma Indian Women's Conference

TULSA — The 15th Annual Oklahoma Indian Women's Conference will be held on September 16 & 17. The theme for this year's conference is "Walking as the King's Daughter."

Friday's activities will be held at Bowen Indian Baptist Church with worship and fellowship beginning at 7 p.m. The church is located at 1515 E. Independence. The conference continues on September 17 with all activities taking place at Arrow Heights Baptist Church, 3201 South Elm Place in Broken Arrow. The welcome and Praise & Adoration will begin at 8:30 a.m. Seminars for women of all ages will be from 8:55 until 11 a.m. The morning seminars include: Being a Woman

of Strength and Wisdom; Empty Nest Syndrome; Finding God's Mate; Fruits of the Spirit; If Mama ain't happy - Ain't nobody happy; Making a difference and Teaching Adult Literacy. After a joint worship service and lunch the seminars will resume at 1 p.m. The afternoon seminars include: Angel Ministry; Mirroring your Image; The King's Daughter and her Money; Prayer Walking as The King's Daughter and Princess to Princess. The conference will conclude with tea and testimony fellowship at 4 p.m.

Early Bird Registration for the conference must be post-marked or received by August 31 to: Oklahoma Indian Women's Conference (OIWC), P.O. Box 580351, Tulsa, OK 74158-0351. The cost is \$20 by check or money order made payable to: Bowen Indian Baptist Church, Attn. 2005 OIWC. Women ages 70 and older the registration is free. On September 17, door registration for the conference is \$25 (cash only) and registration begins at 7:30 a.m. If you would like to attend the afternoon session only, the cost is \$15 after 1 p.m.

For more information, call Theresa Hinman at (918) 724-1952 for registration, Heather James at (918) 724-0337 for lodging or Raquel Banks at (918) 313-2903 for directions.

Many Springs new roof completed

HOLDENVILLE — On June 23, the new roof of Many Springs Baptist Church was completed. The work was done by about 80 people from 25 different churches, many of which are from South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Texas and local churches as well.

Osmor Morris supervised the operation for the church, but plans only to help one to two churches a year that are in need of caring.

One of the volunteers from the Coleman, Alabama church told us they brought a machine to make gutters all the way from Alabama, which is not an easy task to do. Even the granddaughter of Osmor Morris helped out by cleaning up the trash around the workplace showing no job is to small.



Workers completing the new roof project.

Lingerfelt, Bobbie Jean	Matthews, Virginia Illa	Meitler, Jacquie Louann	Nichols, Elsie Marie Nickell, Maynard Kelly	Pidgeon, Tina Marie Pilcher, Helaina Raye	Revis, Annella Marie Rhyne, Elloise	Sands, Rickey Lee Sanford, Audie Ray	Simpson, Sean Edward
Lipp (Gilbert), Serena K	Mattison, Richard Doyle	McLemore, Jerri Lynn Melton, Chalon	Niehuis, Virginia Anne Nilima, Teresa Ann	Pitre, Stella Louise Pittman Jr., Johnny L	Rich, Whitney Lauree Richards, Claude M.	Sanger, David Fenton	Singleton, Christie D.
Litsey, James Richard	May, Bekki Jean	Denise Melton, Eugene Charles	Noah, Erick Dean Noah, Oleeta Maxine	Pittman, Eddie Jeffery Pittman, Jay W	Richardson, Erma Lee Richardson, Misty D	Sappington, Sherry L.	Skaggs, Jerry Kim
Little, Kendall Jay	Mayer, Jeania Ann	Michehell, Joseph D. Mitchell, Jennifer Ann	Nokushutchem, Pzce Noon Jr., Nathan	Pittman, Johnny L Pittman, Lehman Glenn	Richardson, Valerie K. Richardson, Victor L.	Sapulpa, Scott Omiya	Skaggs, Nellie Fern
Littlehead, William	Mayfield, Rosezella	Middleton Jr., James Miller Jr., Coydell	Noah, Joyce Kogee Noon, Steven	Pittman, Michael Gene	Ridenhour, Linda Sue Ridgway, Isla M.	Schanks, Billy Lee W.	Slayden, Leona
Livingston, Jessica Lea	McAtee, Margaret McCabe, Terry	Miller, Claude Ernest Miller, Jerry Denise	Norbury, Linda Sue Nordlund, Judith Ray	Pittman, Michael Jay Pittman, Tommy Dale	Ridley, Loretta Irene Riley, Carol Annette	Schanks, Judy Ann	Smith, Brent Willis
Logan, Jemmie Melton	McCargo, Michelle R. McCarty, Eldridge Deon	Miller, Robert Chance Mills, David Lawrence	Noriega, Manuel Northcutt, Eldon Lee	Pleavel, Steven Earl Poindexter, Tonya D	Riley, James Glen Rinehart, Richard C.	Schanks, Shirlene Gail	Smith, Clayton Allen
Logsdon, Rickey Wayne	McClain Jr., John Albert	Montemayor, Wendy Montgomery, Candace	Nowlen, Patricia Anne Nunn, Alena Michelle	Pope (Scott), Maria Porter, Freeling Alex	Rinehart, Ronald T. Rinehart, Russell Fred	Schmidt, David Bruce	Smith, David Dale
Lollman, Cheri Joann	McClellan, Clarabell McCloskey, Barbara L	Moore, Albert Daniel Moore, Anna	O'Bar, Arreta Dart O'Connor, Kellie Lynn	Posay, Gene Raymond	Rippee, Robin Lee Risenhoover, Shirley J.	Schmidt, Jeannene E. Schreiner, Rhonda Dean	Smith, Dorothy B.
Long, Darlene Joann	McClung III, Charles McConnell, Anne A.	Moore, Bobby Jean Moore, Damon Dion	O'Dell (Madrid), Margo O'Field, Jackie	Pounds, Dennis L'Roi Powell, Sandy	Roach, Alice Louise Roach, Kevin Ward	Schreiner, Rhonda Dean	Smith, Freda Louise
Long, Penny Ann	McCoy Jr., Melvin McCutcheon Carol	Moore, James Edwin Moore, Jimmie Dee	O'Hern, Maurice Dale O'Hern, Nora	Powers, Carolyn sue Prater (Thomas), Juanita	Robbins, Cynthia Marie Roberts	Schultz, Christine S Schwartz, Roger Blane	Smith, Jo Lynn
Long, Rhonda Sue	McGee, Jo Ann	Moore, Steven Allen Moore, William Roy	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Prentice, Shaunna M Prevelt, Dale Alan	Robbins, Tochee Mae Roberts	Scott Jr., John Turner	Smith, Johnnie Ray
Long, Roddy Sue	McGee, Jo Ann	Moore, Steven Allen Moore, William Roy	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Price, Monte Lee Prince, Lula Mildred	Roberts Jr., James Carol	Scott Jr., Willmott C	Smith, Johnson
Long, Taylor	McElroy, Marlena Kay	Morgan, Barbara Jean	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Benny Ray Proctor, Fannie Lydia	Roberts, Cynthia Lee Roberts, Iva Lynn	Scott, Barbara Maxine	Smith, Louise Mania
Lovelady, Ruby Lee	McElroy, Timothy W	Morgan, John Robert Morton IV, Charles	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Franklin Delano	Roberts, Kitsy Luann Roberts, Paul Everett	Scott, Brummett Delray	Smith, Margo Rita
Loven, Linda Kay	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Cynthia Regina	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Franklin Delano	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Gerald Dennis	Smith, Maxine
Lovett, Donna Luann	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Jarrod	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Jim	Smith, Melinda Jane
Lowe, Jerry	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Jonas Lee	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Joe Mack Cott	Smith, Pamela Sue
Roosevelt	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Terri Lynn
Lowe, Pauline	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Lowery, Ruby	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Thelma	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Loyd, Barry Wendell	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Loyd, Bobby David	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Lozier, Deforest Abe	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Lucas, Robert Jesse	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Luke, Mary Ruth	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Lutz, Marla Jenee	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Lynch, Richard	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Lyon, Phillip Earl	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Madrid, Lori Anne	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Madrid, Mark Steven	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Magee, Ernest Neely	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Magee, Linval John	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Mahee Jr., Otis	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Mahlen, Peggy Lee	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Mahoney, Maggie Marie	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Mann, Terri Lee	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Mannon, Alice Hanna	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Marble, Ivan Franklin	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Markland, Hannah	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Marr, Shelly Kay	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Marris, Louise	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Marshall, Leona Mae	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Marshall, Sean Louis	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Marshall, Sernary Ann	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Martin, Clistia	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Clovedell	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Martin, Kimberley L.	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Martin, Luwana Kay	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Martin, Rosa Mary	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Martinez, Amanda Jane	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Martinez, Angela Diane	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Martinez, Harry Joe	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Mason, Edward James	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Mason, Herman Andrew	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Mason, Randall Alan	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Massey, Dortha Kathryn	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Masters, Luzvimenda	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Masters, Patricia Ann	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Matheson, Katrina D.	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith
Matthews, Shirley Ann	McGee, Jo Ann	Moses, Wanda Jean Mount, Linda Fay	O'Mahony, Robin Dawn	Proctor, Stephanie Leasa	Roberts, Richard Joseph	Scott, Kenneth	Smith, Thomas Keith

Request for Bids

FLINTCO, INC. Construction Manager for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is requesting bids from contractors and suppliers interested in furnishing subcontract services and materials for Bid Package Six, Asphalt, Landscaping, Miscellaneous Metals, Mill Work, Waterproofing, Roofing, Terrazzo, Flooring, Wall Finishes, Flag Poles, Signage, Window Blinds, Accessories, Fire Sprinkler and Pneumatic System on the new Koweta Indian Health Facility located in Coweta.

This is a Native American preference project. Bid documents will be available July 5 at 9:00 a.m. in the Flintco Offices at 1624 W. 21st Street in Tulsa, Bid Rooms or at the job site. A \$200 refundable deposit is required for the document sets, no exceptions. For further information or information on Pre-Qualification contact Terry Ryals, Project Manager at (918) 486-7319 or (918) 232-5726 and (918) 486-7329 fax or DeWayne Gifford at (505) 331-7223. Only sealed bids on bid documents forms will be received at the Job Site Flintco office at 31870 E. Highway 51, Coweta, OK 74429 until 1:00 p.m. on July 15.

Division of Health

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Division of Health is looking for qualified individuals for the following positions:

Public Health Nurse - Okmulgee:

Requirements: Incumbent must be a graduate of an accredited professional school of nursing. Two years of relevant experience in the field of Public Health. Incumbent is required to possess current licensure by the State of Oklahoma for Registered Nursing (prefer BSN), or Diploma, or an AD nurse.

Van Driver (2 positions):

Muscogee ENP and Twin Hills ENP (Part Time)

Requirements: High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. Incumbent must possess a current food handler's permit. An excellent driving record is required. Valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable.

CEO - Creek Nation Health System:

Requirements: Academic training through the Masters level in one of the public or allied health sciences, Business or Management fields. Substantial experience managing public health programs which encompasses work in the following direct health care activities; Hospital/Ambulatory Care, Preventative/Rehabilitation/Contract Health services. In addition candidates must clearly show demonstrated ability to work with health care professional organizations at the State or National level. Evidence of an extensive amount of professional development and accomplishments as evidenced by promotions, career broadening assignments, demonstrated ability in public and professional presentations, active participation in professional organiza-

tions recipient of award of honors from nationally recognized associations for excellence and/or outstanding contributions to the field.

Staff Dentist (Part-Time) - Sapulpa:

Requirements: ADDS or DMD from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation and a certificate from an accredited General Practice Residency program. Or a DDS or DMD from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. Licensure or ability to be licensed to practice dentistry in a state, territory or commonwealth of the United States, or in the District of Columbia. One year of relevant experience in addition to experience gained through an accredited residency program or three additional years of relevant experience without certification from an accredited residency program as stated in the educational requirements.

Grant Writer:

Requirements: A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with emphasis in Finance, Marketing, Communications, Journalism, or related area of study is preferred. An Associated Degree is required. A minimum of three years of relevant experience is preferred. An equivalent amount of experience may be substituted for educational requirement. Incumbent must possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable.

Health System Administrator - CNCH:

Requirements: A Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Management, or related field of study is required. A Master's Degree (MPH) in a related field is preferred. A minimum of two years of experience in the health care management / administration field is required, preferably in a tribal environment.

CHR Generalist (2 Positions):

Wagoner County, Hughes County

Requirements: High School Diploma or GED equivalent is required. One year relevant experience. Incumbent must possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable. This position requires the employee to maintain a residential telephone. Residence in or near Wagoner County is highly desirable.

Physician Assistant - Sapulpa:

Requirements: Successful completion of an accredited course of study specifically designed for training professional Mid-Level Providers. One year of relevant experience is preferred. An emphasis in Women's Health Care is preferred. Course of study or program completed by the incumbent must be approved by a nationally recognized professional medical body such as the AMA, AAMC, or other body established for this purpose.

LPN - Sapulpa:

Requirements: Graduation from an accredited practical nursing curriculum is required. One year relevant experience as a member of a nursing team. Incumbent is required to possess current licensure by the State of Oklahoma for Practical Nursing and current CPR certification.

Clinical Nurse Specialist - Sapulpa:

Requirements: Graduation from an accredited professional program for advanced registered nursing practitioners as Clinical Nurse Specialist. One year relevant experience is required. Incumbent is required to possess current licensure by Oklahoma Board of Nursing.

Billing Technician (Temporary):

Requirements: Associates Degree in accounting or a related business field is preferred. One year of relevant experience is required with an Associates Degree. Four years of relevant experience may be substituted for the educational requirements stated above.

Statistical Officer/Epidemiologist:

Requirements: A Master's Degree in Public Health Administration (MPH) or related field is preferred. A minimum of two years experience related to statistical analysis.

Secretary-Contract Health Services:

Requirements: High School diploma or GED equivalent is required. One year relevant experience in a medical business office or related experience. Incumbent must possess a valid Oklahoma State Driver's License and be insurable.

Patient Information Supervisor:

Requirements: Bachelors Degree in Health Information Technology or related field is preferred. With a Bachelors Degree, two years of related experience is required. Education requirements may be substituted with ten years of relevant experience.

Optometrist - Okemah:

Requirements: O.D. degree received from an accredited college of Optometry is required. A minimum of one year of relevant experience. Must possess Valid License issued by the State of Oklahoma to practice Optometry.

Billing Supervisor:

Requirements: Bachelors Degree in Accounting, Finance, or related field is preferred. With a Bachelors Degree 2 years of related experience is required. Education requirements may be substituted with ten years of relevant experience. CPA is not necessary but would benefit the potential candidate.

Application Procedures:

Submit a current Division employment application form or resume, (a transfer request form for current employees.) All application materials are to be submitted to the attention of the Staffing Specialist. For further information, call Personnel Services at (918) 732-7829.

Sutton, Ronnie Clyde
Switzer, Brian Wade
Switzer, Juanita June
Syfert, Dolores Jena
Tarkington, Marilyn
Tarkington, Tammy
Taryole, Prince Steven
Taylor (Cole), Nellie
Taylor, Christina
Anna
Taylor, Connie Ruth
Taylor, Debra Marie
Taylor, Ethel May
Taylor, Joyce Ruth
Taylor, Lori Denise
Taylor, Suzanne
Elaine
Taylor, Tara Faye
Taylor, Wiley
Taylor, William K.
Teague, Janice Marie
Teague, Renita Marie
Temple II, John
Arthur
Terry, Frank Amos
Thames, Beverly
Kaye
Theus, Lajeune Joann
Thomas Jr., Fred S.
Thomas, Carla Janine
Thomas, Eddie Leroy
Thomas, Emmet E.
Thomas, Maurietta
Thomas, Todd Jay
Thomas, Vanessa
Kaye
Thomas, Victor Alan
Thompson Jr.,
Marshall
Thompson, Belva
Jean
Thompson, Charles
Don
Thompson, Franzetta
Thompson, Marylena
Thompson, Pamela
Thompson, William
Thomhill, Janet Leigh
Thudium, Shirley Ann
Thursby, Durl Craig
Tiben, John Kite
Tieben, Edna Bettie
Tiger (Bear) Annie
Tiger (Wolf), Lucy
Tiger, Angela Marie
Tiger, Billy George
Tiger, Charleanna
Tiger, Dana Irene
Tiger, Donald Gene
Tiger, Eric
Tiger, George Samuel
Tiger, Guyasuta
Askoti
Tiger, Harold Charles
Tiger, Keith Johnson
Tiger, Kimberly Nan
Tiger, Mark Edward
Tiger, Michael James
Tiger, Miller James
Tiger, Phillip
Cherokee
Tiger, Ruth Ann
Tiger, Thelma Louise
Tiger, Timothy Rush
Tiger, William Merle

Tiger, Yonne Anne
Tilley, Janet Sue
Tilley, Wanda
Louise
Timken, Jennifer
Moore
Timothy, Moses
Timothy, William
Scott
Tipton, Karen Ann
Tolbert, Darrell
Dwayne
Tolbert, Leonard
Harvey
Toledo, Shirley Ann
Tolle, Leanna Marie
Tomassi, David
Albert
Tomkus, Ruby Jane
Tomlin, Chiffie
Tyrone
Tompkins, Jimmy
D.
Toney, Nathan Lee
Torres, Gayle Anne
Torres, Rebecca
June
Toussaint-Hill,
Victoria
Townsend, Brian
Leckie
Townsend, Curtis L.
Townsend, Jeffrey
L.
Traylor, Sarah
Emline
Trepp, Lance
Mathew
Trewin, Ellen Elaine
Truty, Rebecca
Marie
Tucker, Jesse Ollie
Tulsa, Gwendolyn
Ann
Turner, Hettie
Turner, Jack Dean
Tuttell, Laurie Lynn
Tyler, Eugene
Tyler, Margaret
Ann
Unap, Doris Jean
Underwood, Teresa
J.
Unussee, Mathan
Jeffrey
Upshaw, Alicia
Michele
Upshaw, Michael G
Vancil, Constance
Lynn
Vandiver, Nina
Leona
Vasquez, Maria
Deidre
Vaughn, Martha
Jane
Vaughn, Sandra
Ruth
Vaughn, Soundra
Dee
Vaughn, Yaya
Jeanne
Vaught, Tina Leann
Verge, Bryan
Kendall

Verge, Kelly Alan
Verge, Willis Howard
Vian, Cassandra Dee
Vickers, Rhana Jaree
Vietti, Betty Louise
Villalba, Diana
Voisine, Ramona Jane
Vontress, Alberta
Vrazel, Charlotte Gail
Wade, Edith Pearl
Wadsworth, Benny R
Wadsworth, John P
Wadsworth, Laura
Kate
Waggnor (Wolf),
Karen
Wakatani, Dorena Lee
Walker (Harjo) Bobbie
Walker, Austina Marie
Walker, Chalo Moses
Walker, Rhonda Kim
Walker, Robert
Walker, Roger Dale
Walker, Virgil Ray
Walker, Willie A.
Wall Sr., Charles Ray
Walters, Margaret Ann
Ward (Resoff), Juanita
Ward, Martha
Armetta
Ware, James Michael
Ware, Jared Lee
Warren, Judy Kay
Warrior, Esther Jane
Warrior, Latreva M
Washington, Betty
Lois
Washington, Brutus L.
Washington, Joseph S
Watashe, Cleo
Watashe, Gary Lee
Watashe, Jerry Ray
Waters, Dana Evelyn
Watson (Fish), Cora
Lee
Watson, Julian Blair
Watson, Mary Helen
Watt, Betty Jo
Watters, David Eugene
Wauahdoah, Joanne
Weaver, Pamela Renee
Weaver, Rebecca Sue
Webb Jr., Charles
Webb, Gerald Wayne
Webb, Joseph David
Webb-Collins, Eula
Bell
Weber, Christopher T.
Weder, Ora May
Wehnt, Patrick
Wayne
Weidner, Bryan C.
Welch, Patrick Leon
Welchel, Kami Leann
Wells (Dunn),
Josephine
Wells, Ronald Gene
Wells, Rosezena J.
Welsey, Roley J
Wesley, Leo Charles
Wesley, Richard Victor
West (Hill), Leola
West (Simms), Peggy
S.
West, Blaine Nelson

West, Cheryl Ann
West, Iris Rose
West, Russell Ethan
Westbrook, John
Edwin
Westbrook, Sallie Lynn
Wheatley, Maxine
Wheeler, Kevin Earl
Wheeler, Michael Ray
Whitaker, Mary E.
White, Bettye Ann
White, Hulbert Lee
White, Janet Lee
White, William Alan
Whitman, Richard Ray
Whitson, Mac Duane
Wiley, Ladossa B.
Williams, Dave Alan
Williams, David Ivan
Williams, Dee Laverne
Williams, Vicky Sue
Williams, Jermy Paul
Williams, Julayne Gail
Williams, Larry Dean
Williams, Ramona M.
Williams, Sherry Jean
Williams, Vicky Alan
Willis, Cheryl Diane
Willmott, Robert N.
Wilson II, Otis Allen
Wilson, Allison Ann
Wilson, Barry
Wilson, Fredericka J
Wilson, Johnnie Sue
Wilson, Katherine L
Wilson, Marsha Lynn
Wilson, Nora Elvenia
Wilson, Simon Leroy
Wind, Thomas Kirk
Windell, Linda Ann
Windsor, Judy Marie
Wingate, Phyllis Lyn
Winters, Michael Leroy
Wither, Barbara Ann
Withers Jr., Frank W.
Withers, Oliver Lee
Witt, Deanna Lynn
Wittman, Drew
Michael
Witty, Dale Ralph
Wolf, Wanda Faye
Wolf, Warren Glen
Wolfe, Roscoe
Wood (Bear), Judy
Wood, Steve Melvin
Woodfield, Samuel
Woodson, Sandra Kay
Woody, Ronnei Wayne
Wooten, Dennis Karl
Wooten, Donald James
Workizer, Patsy
Pauline
Worthington, Pattie M.
Wright, Cleo Milburn
Wright, Mark Ryan
Wright, Michael
Dotson
Wright, Teddy Lee
Wright, Thelma Louise
Yahola, Daniel
Anthony
Yahola, Jonas Ray
Yahola, Leandra Day
Yahola, Lisa Ann
Yahola, Virginia Sue

Yarbrough, Linda Fay
Yardy, Thomas Lewis
Yargee, Amon Eugene
Yargee, Pamela Gayle
Yarhola, Clarence
Yeatman, Darla Ann
Yingling, Iva Louise
Yokley, Bruce Kevin
York, Robyn Jonelle
Young, David Gene
Young, Ruth Anna V.
Young, Stephen
Wayne
Young, Velma Jane
Young, William B
Ziegler, Frances Lee
Zielke, Jason Aaron
Zielke, Roberta Sue

Filing and Election dates announced

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Election Board has announced the following dates to file for Muscogee (Creek) Nation National Council Representative. They are July 18 through 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fee to file is \$200.

To be eligible to file you must: be an enrolled Tribal citizen; 1/4 or more Creek; 18 years of age; candidate must reside in the district he/she is filing one (1) full calendar year; must be a registered voter six (6) months prior to filing; no felony within the last ten (10) years, a background check will be conducted and employees of Creek Nation must take leave of absence before filing as a candidate.

When filing, you must have the following: tribal enrollment card; provide two (2) forms of proof of residency (physical address) and social security card. It is the responsibility of the candidate to provide all documents.

The primary election date is set for September 17 and the general election date has been set for November 5.

For more information about the election, contact the Election Board office at (918) 732-7684 and 7685 or (800) 482-1979.

Statistics on salaries of elected officials

OKMULGEE — The following is a list of more statistics on salaries of Muscogee (Creek) Nation elected officials, at the request of Principal Chief A. D. Ellis.

Principal Chief — \$100,000

Second Chief — \$60,000

National Council Speaker — \$45,000 — \$50,000 more or less and full time.

These salaries were set by the National Council before this administration took office.



MCN Trade & Commerce Authority

This article is dedicated to our Director of MCN Trade & Commerce Authority, Daniel Wesley, from all of his employees.

Leaders, what makes them great?

The dedication to serve. A great leader will place the organizations goals in front of their personal goals and will perceive success as the epitome of glory, calculated by the endeavors of their colleagues. There are three cornerstones to great leadership:

Vision: A great leader has the capabilities to see the organizations direction for the future, and to communicate the direction in a way that motivates people. The vision needs to be ingrained with meaningful ideals, or it will motivate no one. It takes a true leader to differentiate between the different management styles to see whether changes need to be made or not. There will always be reasons why not to make a change but a true leader has the conviction to make those changes.

Communication: A great leader must utilize their most precious instrument to motivate, inspire, captivate, and above all win hearts and minds — their communication skills.

Logical intuition: Great Leaders will understand where opportunities knock and where threats lie for their organization. They have a passion for the cause and ideals of the organization, and the people they motivate need to feel the emotions felt are truly sincere. Once the empathy of the people is acquired and the anxiety and fears has been addressed then the organization will be able to transition into the vision anticipated.

Conclusion: Great Leaders have a high emotional intelligence, continual learning, humble in nature, and know their limits. How can a person become a great leader? A person needs to acquire certain instruments of the business trade: communication skill, learn to be analytical, obtain technological and problem solving strengths and above all develop the dedication to serve. One more great hint on how to produce more Great Leaders in this world is to teach Service Learning. Service Learning fosters intensive, consultative relationships between people, peers, and community. Service Learning integrates meaningful community service and education. These traits add to a persons personal and professional portfolio that are immeasurable to us all.

Trade & Commerce gives back to Tribe

OKMULGEE — MCN Trade & Commerce Authority, Daniel E. Wesley, Director and Chairman Second Chief Alfred Berryhill presented James Pratt Controller, of the Muscogee Creek Nation, a check in the amount of \$50,000 one of the nine Trade & Commerce Economic Development programs.



(L and R) Second Chief Berryhill presents check to Controller James Pratt

Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise Updates

Construction Division wins housing bids

OKMULGEE — MNBE Construction Services Division recently signed a contract with Creek Nation Housing Authority to renovate seven (7) homes through out various locations within tribal jurisdiction.

"Steve Bighorse, Manager of Construction Services did a good job estimating and we look forward to renovating these homes for our tribal citizens," said Michael Nalley, Director. MNBE competed with other contractors for these homes.

MNBE Fire & Security finding opportunities with other tribes

NEWKIRK — MNBE Fire & Security was awarded a contract with the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma to upgrade and to provide additional security cameras at their casino. F&S also received a contract from the Sac & Fox Nation to install security cameras at their casino in Cushing. "John Pritchard and B.J. Wagnor have done an outstanding job of building up the reputation of our Fire & Security Division, said Michael Nalley, Director. The whole group of men within the division put in a lot of hours and sometimes are called out in the middle of the night to fix a problem but it is because these guys have established a good reputation for their detail to responding to the customer that has other tribal groups requesting their service."

MNBE and Social Services help Original Allottee

OKMULGEE — Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise Fire & Security Division and Creek Nation Social Services Program teamed together to provide a new Medical Alert System in the home of the last Original Allottee of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Ms. Martha Berryhill.

"Janice Hanun, Manager of the Creek Nation

Social Services Program approached me about the cost of a Medical Alert System for Ms. Berryhill, said John Pritchard, Manager of the Fire & Security Division. Ms. Hanun had some concerns for Ms. Berryhill in case there was an emergency." MNBE agreed to provide and install the system free of charge for Ms. Berryhill.

"MNBE appreciates Ms. Hanun contacting us to help for a very worthy cause," said Michael Nalley, Director of MNBE. We are honored to be able to help a very special elder." According to Pritchard, "Ms. Berryhill and her daughter, who lives with her, were both given a pendant to place around their neck. If they have any problem they press the button on the pendant and it sends out an alarm for help."

MNBE Construction Services Division To Be Featured In Construction Today Magazine

OKMULGEE — Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise Construction Services Division will be featured in the July edition of Construction Today Magazine out of Chicago, Illinois. According to Michael Nalley, Director, "MNBE was contacted several weeks ago about being featured in the magazine and we were very excited to have the opportunity to be included in a magazine that has such a large readership. You can't put a value on the amount of exposure it provides for MNBE."

MNBE Job Opportunities

OKMULGEE — Muscogee Nation Business Enterprise Construction Services Division, an entity of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation is looking to fill the positions of Project Manager and Job Superintendent. Government construction experience a plus. Must be willing to travel. Creek preference. To apply contact Deanna Igney, Human Resources at (918) 752-3150 or apply in person at 1018 South Wood Drive, Okmulgee, Oklahoma. Open until positions are filled.

Invitation to hear a success story

OKMULGEE — A presentation describing the projects and programs of the Taos County Economic Development Corporation (TCEDC), nationally recognized sustainable, community-based organization located in Taos, New Mexico. The presentation will be held July 14 from 9 until 10:30 a.m. in the Mound Auditorium. Over the fifteen years that TCEDC has offered business incubator services, eighty local businesses were successfully launched creating over 400 new jobs for the community. Current programs include Taos Business Park and Taos Food Center with a commercial kitchen providing facilities for production for value-added farm products. TCEDC works closely with the Taos Pueblo and Chairman of the Board, Richard Archeleta, is also a leader in that pueblo.

The TCEDC programs provide a working model

of community involvement and economic development. They will present a slide show and will allow plenty of time for questions and answers. They have extensive experience in grant writing and community development and will share their knowledge and experience. Terrie Bad Hand and Pati Martinson, founders and Directors of the TCEDC. Terrie and Pati describe their leadership system as the family model that builds upon the strengths and wisdom of land-based cultures that have demonstrated the ability to survive and overcome adversity by recognizing the inevitability of cycles. They have been asked to make presentations to numerous national conference and have been recognized through a variety of local and national conferences and have been recognized through a variety of local and national honors and awards.

Tribal Officials meet with Congressional Delegates

SAN DIEGO — Representatives from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation have met with United States Congressional delegates and with officials from the Indian Health Service in efforts to obtain \$8.8 million dollars of additional funding for the Okemah Hospital. Since the Tribe began operating the Okemah Hospital in 1977, the Annual Funding Agreements with the Indian Health Service have never provided additional monies for the hospital as a standard program. Instead, it has only received limited Contract Health Service funds.

At the request of Dr. Grimm, IHS Director, Tribal

Officials were invited to come to his office in Washington D.C. to discuss the possibility of receiving additional funding for the Okemah Hospital. Second Chief Alfred Berryhill, Health Board Chairman Charles Coleman, and Health Systems CEO Del Nutter responded and met with Dr. Grimm and IHS staff to review the needs and to identify necessary steps.

While at the Self-Governance meeting in early May in San Diego, National Council Representative David Nichols, National Council Representative Sue Johnson, Health Board Chairman

with Dr. Grimm and his staff to further discuss the need for additional funding for the Okemah Hospital. From this meeting, packets containing the documentation of needs, letters of support and photographs were prepared for Congressional Delegates. In May, Second Chief Alfred Berryhill accompanied National Council Representative Sue Johnson, Chairman Coleman and Mr. Nutter went to Washington D.C. to meet with members of the United States Congress. Meetings were held with James Inhofe, United States Senate, Tom Coburn, M.D., United States Senate, John Sullivan, House of Representatives first district, Dan Boren, House of Representative second district, Frank Lucas, House of Representatives third district, and Tom Cole, House of Representative fourth district.

Each Congressional member was informed on the need for the additional \$8.8 million dollars to fund the Okemah Hospital. It will be up to the Department of Interior and Environmental Appropriation Sub-Committee to include the request in the next preparation of the budgets that will occur next spring. Should these additional funds be received, a significant increase in the services provided will result.



Pictured (left to right): Health System CEO Dale Nutter, Congressman Dan Boren, National Council Representative Sue Johnson and Health Board Chairman Charles Coleman.

Charles Coleman, Health Board Secretary Elizabeth Morris-Gunn, and Health System CEO Del Nutter met

Tobacco Program assist health system go smoke free on campus

OKMULGEE — “Have you noticed the signs, ‘No Commercial Tobacco on this property’ posted around the properties of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System campuses?” If you haven’t you will soon. Then you may find your self-asking what does that mean? Well the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System is taking a huge step toward improving the health and environment of the community, citizens and staff by eliminating commercial tobacco use on all health system campuses,” said the Tobacco Prevention Program Director, Cynthia Coachman.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System will be implementing a commercial tobacco-free policy, which communicates their position on the use of commercial tobacco products. Commercial tobacco uses include cigarettes whether hand rolled or rolled commercially, chew tobacco, cigars, snuff and pipe tobacco. This policy will apply to everyone in or on all buildings, grounds, parking lots, ramps, vehicles and sidewalks adjacent to the properties owned, leased or operated by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System. This policy will help the Health System continue their dedication to providing quality health care, in a safe and healthy environment that promotes wellness and healing. According to the Indian Health Service, three out of every five Native American deaths are related to smoking or exposure to second-hand smoke. Our children who are around smoke can inhale the equivalent of 102 packs of cigarettes by age 5. Why do we need this policy? Only you can answer that question but think of your children or loved

ones who suffer from second hand smoke everyday.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health system hopes to have the commercial tobacco-free policy implemented by July 1, 2005. Health care providers will be communicating and educating patients and family regarding the policy. First verbally informing, second, handing out brochures and last, but not least providing education to inpatients through an audio/visual on the hazards of smoking and secondhand smoke. The options to stop smoking (cessation) will be made available through your Indian health care provider. The nurse or physician responsible for the patient’s care will counsel patient’s who use tobacco products about the hospital’s commercial tobacco-free policy. These bans are not intended to limit people’s right to smoke, but are designed to remove the safety and health hazard of commercial tobacco by taking the activity off the property and away from those already suffering from illnesses, nonsmokers, and young people.

The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Health System has a vision that in the near future we will eliminate commercial tobacco use in all buildings, grounds, parking lots, ramps, vehicles, and sidewalks adjacent to the properties owned, leased or operated by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. This vision will help protect the Mvskoke citizens from the deadly effects of second-hand smoke and reduce children’s exposure to adults modeling unhealthy behaviors. A vision that all people deserve the opportunity to live their lives to their fullest potential no matter how young or old they may be. Cessation is prevention for our children’s future.

American Indians with Diabetes

DENVER — Twenty-five people from the Muscogee (Creek) Nation attended a national conference for health care providers, tribal leaders, community health professionals and paraprofessionals and tribal community members. The conference focused on the prevention, clinical recognition and optimal prevention and treatment of heart disease in persons with diabetes among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

The conference was held May 16 – 19. Attendees from the Creek Nation included representatives from each of the above groups. Information from leading scientists in the area of diabetes-related heart disease and preventive measures were presented to the 900 conference attendees. Other information was provided in three separate tracks, for clinical treatment, for community programs and for tribal community support. Attendees from all three tracks were pleased with the information they received. The Diabetes Program staff plans to initiate the services provided through this grant in October of 2005. The success of this grant will require the support of informed persons that are in strategic positions within the health system and tribal community.

The conference was sponsored by the Joslin Diabetes Center and was supported by several major national agencies including the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute, the Indian Health Service and the American Heart Association.

Housing Provides Summer Day Camp

MUSKOGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation Housing Division Resident Services, in coordination with the Green Country Behavioral Health Services and Youth Central of Muskogee, is providing Creek Youth presently living in McIntosh and Muskogee counties with the opportunity to attend a summer day camp.

The summer program which will run five days a week will include sports clinics, swimming, field trips and

special speakers.

The summer program is open to all youth



but Resident Services will sponsor a limited number of Creek youth ages 4 through 15 living in Muskogee and McIntosh counties.

The day camp will run through August 8 registration ending on July 15. For more information on the camp, call Dennis Williams at (918) 752-3216 or Youth Central at (918) 683-6532.

Tribe hires Qualls to lead Housing Division

OKMULGEE — The Muscogee (Creek) Nation recently hired Ron Qualls as the Director of the Housing Division.

Qualls, who once served as Director of the Creek Housing Authority approximately six years ago, aims to enhance available programs and services. "I want to enhance our housing programs to assist Creek citizens with the greatest housing needs," said Qualls.



Qualls

Qualls was previously employed with the National American Indian Housing Council providing technical assistance to Indian housing authorities. Qualls brings with him many years of experience and knowledge to this position.

For more information about Housing services and programs, call (918) 756-8504.

As the mercury rises, so can the costs of keeping your home cool. Here are some simple tips to help you save money while keeping your home cool this summer.



Set the air-conditioner thermostat at 78 degrees or higher, health permitting. 3-5% more energy is used for each degree the air conditioner is set below 78.

You can save as much as 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills by simply turning your thermostat back 10% to 15% for 8 hours.



A dirty cooling unit condenser coil can increase energy usage by 10% to 20%. You can clean the coil fins by flushing them with a water hose. Also make sure that grass, leaves, dirt, etc. do not obstruct airflow around the coil.

Be sure to shut off power to unit before flushing to avoid electrical shock hazard.



First clean or replace air-conditioner filters regularly. Filters are easy to replace, so check them monthly during the heating and cooling seasons.



Try to operate dryers, ovens, and dishwashers in the morning hours or at night to keep your house cooler during the summertime!

Also try not to cook during the hottest part of the day. If you do have to cook use your exhaust vent if you have one.



If you looking for cost-effective yet eye-pleasing ways to lower your energy bills? Planting trees, shrubs, vines, grasses, and hedges could be the answer. In fact, landscaping may be your best long-term investment for reducing heating and cooling costs, while also bringing improvements to your community.

Spotlight

"I always wanted to be a Police Officer...we had that death message delivered by a Police Officer on horseback...it left a very indelible impression."

Creek employee shares intriguing past

by Gerald Wofford

It's very common to pass through a day and not really notice what an average day can really consist of. After all, most people, writer included, can easily do the 8 to 5 thing and let the norm become a little mundane. Sometimes taking a step out of that comfortable box and looking at what's around you and seeing things a little different can help break up the mutiny. Even taking a little more time to talk to people around you can help you realize how different, and unique, people's lives are from your very own.

Sherry Corbin is an employee with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and works in the Principal Chief's office. Corbin's official title is Assistant to the Principal Chief, but you could easily label her as a life extremist.

Corbin's journey has taken her to the back tracks of the Oklahoma hills to Capital Hill in Washington, D.C. from a quiet peaceful time growing up at home to a very turbulent and historic era in this Nation's history.

Corbin was like any young college student, striving to make ends meet while trying to maintain a perfect grade, or at least a good one. For Corbin it started kind of early. Her grades were high enough for her to be accepted at a Junior level in High School.

Corbin would enroll at Southeastern St. University in Durant.

Corbin remembers one day being really special, in fact, it was so special the entire classes for the day at the school were cancelled. All students and faculty were gathered inside the University gymnasium to hear the current U.S. Speaker of the House and Oklahoma Congressman Carl Albert give a speech to his fellow constituencies at home.

Albert served through fourteen succeeding Congresses as majority whip, majority leader, and Speaker of the House of Representatives respectively.

"It was Carl Albert Day on campus," recalls Corbin "Lt. Governor George Nigh brought me a note that he (Albert) had written on the back of a Durant bank and trust envelope that said 'would you like to come to work for me in Washington? If so, contact me at this address and phone number,' and about a week later, I was there. It was like wagon wheels to Washington," laughs Corbin, she who made doubly sure that Nigh had handed the right person the note and to make certain that Nigh, Albert, and others were aware of her political ties, or who she represented, which were purely objective.

"I told him (Nigh) I am not a young Native American, I am not a young

Democrat, I am not a young Republican, I am not of any political affiliation," said Corbin.

Corbin would head east and serve in the Speaker's office as an Assistant Press Secretary. The years that Corbin worked there were certainly some of the most turbulent times in modern American history.

It was at this time that then U.S. President Richard Nixon was in office, and the dark period of the Watergate scandal was about to explode.

Corbin would meet Nixon, as well as every future President up to the current Commander-In-Chief.

Looking back Corbin remembers Nixon as a nice man who was involved with unfortunate events, but his actions could be comparable to other leaders who served in the same office. "He (Nixon) was very personable, and in my opinion, didn't do anything that some others have done that have gotten away with," she said.

Corbin served with Carl Albert's office until 1975, but she wasn't exactly through with Washington. That same year, the Capitol announced that they would be hiring women to serve on the Police Force.

Corbin didn't hesitate, and immediately accepted the challenge. "I always wanted to be a Police Officer," admits Corbin, who would be the 24th sworn female officer for the Capitol Hill police unit. Her accuracy on the firing range was also a factor in her acceptance onto the force. Out of a 300 point

system, Corbin shot a 297 with a pistol and a perfect 300 with a rifle, or shotgun.

Corbin is rightfully proud of her sworn duty to service for the public, and recalls a dramatic incident when she was only four years old that would help shape her future. "We had a death in the family one winter, and it was very heavily covered with snow," recalls Corbin. "The only way you could get to our residence was by horseback and we had that death message delivered by a police officer on horseback and it was the wee hours of the morning, I thought wow, he must be very important to be doing something like this. It left a very indelible impression."

While a police officer in Washington, Corbin also served in a special group, officers that do investigations with trained dogs or K-9 unit. Also, for a stint, Corbin also served as a security officer, guarding diplomats and foreign heads of state, such as the likes of King Hussein, the former King of Jordan.



Corbin

OSU-Okmulgee student and creek citizen designs Carrie Underwood Billboard for Checotah

From OSU/Okmulgee-Sharon Smith

CHECOTAH — An OSU-Okmulgee graphic design student is helping her hometown call attention to its most well-known native, Fox TV show “American Idol” winner Carrie Underwood. Town Mayor Jay Hayes told Visual Communications student Jennifer LeMasters – also a Checotah native – he wanted travelers on the two major highways near Checotah to know exactly where Underwood’s home town was. His idea was to put Underwood’s picture on a billboard at the edge of town.

Now, anyone driving near the intersection of Interstate 40 and Highway 69, near Checotah, can see Carrie’s picture and the words: “Checotah says Reach for the Stars, like our own Carrie Underwood.” Underwood was named the winner of the competition.

The billboard picturing the singer is a message of encouragement from the small town of nearly 4,000 people. It was created by LeMasters, a fifth-semester graphic design student in the Visual Communications program. Mayor Hayes was looking for an artist to create a billboard and poster to show the town’s support for Underwood.

LeMasters showed him her portfolio of artwork, was hired for the job and started working to design the billboard and poster – knowing she had only a week to accomplish everything.

“I knew I could get a picture of Carrie to put on the billboard, because my husband went to school with her brother-in-law. Then, I talked with Mayor Hayes about the wording we could use on it. I thought about when Carrie would sing in her sister’s classes and sign autographs for the students, one of whom was my

younger sister. Carrie would always add a special note that said ‘follow your dreams.’ Mayor Hayes



Creek citizen, Jennifer LeMasters, is shown with the billboard she designed.

wanted to make Checotah’s billboard ‘our own’ and not like the billboards in Tulsa, so I changed the phrase to ‘reach for the stars.’”

After designing the billboard artwork, LeMasters contacted Lamar Outdoor Advertising company in Oklahoma City to print the artwork for the billboard. She also contacted Rick Garner — a graduate of OSU-Okmulgee’s Visual Communications program — at Hoffman Printing Company in Muskogee to print the posters.

LeMasters will add the billboard and poster designs on her resume, which she will use when looking for an internship this fall and for a job after graduation in April 2006. “OSU-Okmulgee’s Visual Communications teachers really push us to make our work better,” says LeMasters. “With the teachers’ guidance, and by having the same drive that Carrie has had to stay focused and work hard, I’ll become the best graphic designer I can be.”

LeMasters says OSU-Okmulgee graphic design instructor James McCullough has found many “live jobs” for her and other students to produce as part of their learning process. She has worked on designing advertising materials for the cities of Henryetta, Muskogee and Eufaula to promote tourism and other city projects.

LeMasters has known Underwood since they were children and remembers Carrie singing at church as a young girl. “Carrie knew she wanted to be a singer when she was very young, and she remained focused on her dream. She always took every opportunity to sing at events, at church and school. When Carrie was in high school, my sister taught her in cheerleading camp, but Carrie decided not to pursue cheerleading so she could focus on her singing. Now she’s achieving her dream.”

LeMasters hopes to work for a graphic design company design after she graduates. In fact, Lamar Outdoor Advertising wanted to see more of her work, after the company representative saw her billboard design.

Oklahoma State University - Okmulgee is known for its hands-on technical education, world-class equipment and active partnerships with industry. Degree programs are developed according to emerging educational and labor market needs. Seventeen programs of study lead to Associate in Applied Science degrees, three programs of study lead to Associate in Science transfer degrees, and three programs lead to Bachelor of Technology degrees-Information Assurance and Forensics, Instrumentation Engineering Technology and Civil Engineering Technology.

OSU-Okmulgee was the first college in Oklahoma to offer a Graduate Performance Guarantee to employers. Through frequent advisory board meetings, corporate partners make significant contributions to curriculum, faculty improvement, equipment acquisition, internship experiences for students and employment opportunities for graduates. OSU-Okmulgee also promotes economic development among small Oklahoma firms by providing training and assistance with technology deployment, financing, bidding and purchasing procedures.

International poet and musician visits Tulsa Child Care Center

TULSA — Internationally known poet, performer, writer and musician, Joy Harjo came home to visit family and friends and to participate in her Ceremonial Ground Green Corn between her summer tour dates. Harjo stopped by the Glenpool Public library on July 6 to visit with Roger Willie the Navajo Artist and Actor who starred as Charlie Whitehorse in “Windtalkers” and also in attendance at the library were the children of Tulsa Child Development Center.

After meeting the children Harjo volunteered to visit their facility on Thurs-

day morning to read and sing. Her appreciative audience are the ages of four-five years old and school age children.

Harjo was the narrator for the Emmy award winning show, Navajo Codetalkers for National Geographic. Willie’s appearance was presented by the American Indian Resource Center.

Visit the Tulsa Library’s web site at www.tulsalibrary.org/airc. They look forward to keeping you informed about the AIRC and its activities! Visit Joy Harjo’s website at www.joyharjo.com.



Joy Harjo shares her talents with the Child Care children.

June District Court filings

Protective Orders:

- Michelle Robison v. Thomas Kalinich
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- Richard Jr. & Shelia Buckley v. Sarah Taylor
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- Patricia Ann Messer v. Cynthia Reynolds (McDowell)
Ex-Parte
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- MCN v. Margaret Keith
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- MCN v. 1998 White Mitsubishi Eclipse
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Legal Notices

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In the District court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District: In the Matter of service of summons by publication Rosalie Dixon, Petitioner and Michael Eugene Dixon, Respondent

SERVICE OF SUMMONS BY PUBLICATIONS NOTICE

TO: Michael Eugene Dixon

TAKE NOTICE that you have been sued for divorce in the District Court of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Okmulgee District, Case No. D2005-09, styled in re the Marriage of Rosalie Dixon, Petitioner and Michael Eugene Dixon, Respondent. The action alleges that the petitioner is entitled to a *Decree of Divorce* from you based on the grounds of incompatibility.

You are notified that you must answer the *Petition* filed by the petitioner on or before the 18th day of August, 2005, or the allegations contained in the *Petition* will be taken as true and judgment will be entered against you and in favor of petitioner as prayed for in her *Petition*.

Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of June, 2005.

Nancy Jukich, Court Clerk
Muscogee (Creek) Nation District Court
Okmulgee District
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NATIVE AMERICAN HISTORY SERIES PRE-COLUMBIAN FOOD MVSKOKE SHELLFISH & SMALL GAME By Patrick E. Moore

The Mvskoke had almost unlimited sources of food available in the Americas prior to contact with Europeans. The animal kingdom offered a multitude of foods from the sea, lakes, man-made freshwater ponds and streams. Mvskoke nutritionists had learned there were some restrictions to the use and consumption of aquatic animals and the rabbit. Certain shellfish inhabiting the east or now Atlantic coast and the coastal waters of the now Gulf of Mexico were toxic during specific times of the year plus the consumption of fresh water fish would sometimes lead to fat and/or vitamin deficiencies. The rabbit was also not safe food during some periods of each year.

Freshwater fish and shellfish, lacking in some minerals and vitamins, were combined with saltwater fish and ocean shellfish to provide a balanced intake of necessary vitamins and minerals. Salt water shell fish were the preferred delicacy, but in a pinch freshwater mussels were also eaten.

Ocean shellfish were the easiest to harvest and required no elaborate tools, except sometimes a stick for digging in beach sand. North American shellfish were all edible except those mussels, clams and oysters who fil-

ter dinoflagellates during the summer months thereby becoming poisonous and those shellfish who prey upon their poisonous relatives and in turn become poisonous themselves. The Mvskoke was very cautious in the harvesting and preparation of this favorite food. When the water was murky or colored during the summer months and at certain other times the hunter would totally abandon this food source until water conditions cleared.

The Mvskoke shell fisherman also knew when some of these animals spawn during the summer months their flesh would be of poor quality and lack palatable taste.

Oysters, mussels and clams were picked up, cleaned, cooked and eaten. Larger clams were discovered by observing their ventilation holes along the beach whereupon the Mvskoke would dig the clam out with a pointed stick.

The Mvskoke enjoyed eating crabs. The favored Mvskoke hunting technique was to herd and surround hundreds of crabs on a beach or mud flat forming them into a condensed mass for easy capture.

Eelgrass was tied to sticks, lowered into the ocean where it remained until the next day, at which time the Mvskoke fisherman would then carefully remove the pole covered with eelgrass from the ocean and harvest shrimp who had attached to the eelgrass during the night.

The Mvskoke lobster hunter had a very easy hunt. Five hundred years ago the East Coast lobster could simply be picked up as the hunter walked the shore in shallow water. Prior to the arrival of Europeans, some East Coast lobsters grew to a length of six feet.

The Mvskoke cooked and preserved shellfish by threading the cooked animal on string to be smoke or sun dried for use in the future, when the animal was out of season, and when traveling inland within the Mvskoke Confederacy.

The Mvskoke normally avoided most reptiles and amphibians as a food source, but sometimes turtles were caught on meat baited strings and added to the menu.

The Mvskoke loved turkey and hunted the animal year round with bow and arrow. In the winter when there was a deep snow the turkey was simply run down and captured. Many Muscogee became skilled in the use of artificial calling devices and could bring a turkey near enough for a close bow shot.

The Mvskoke hunted rabbit by forming a straight line of hunters, then advancing toward the rabbit's habitat, when a rabbit attempted to escape, experts with a blowgun or small bow would shoot the escaping animal. Should the rabbit be in its burrow, a barbed stick would be twisted against the rabbit's fur and the animal then pulled to the surface. Another Mvskoke hunting technique was to have one hunter occupy the rabbit's attention, while the other hunter would sneak close enough for a fatal shot. The Mvskoke sometimes ran rabbits down on foot in the summer, but this was considered sport rather than hunting. When the snow of winter was especially deep this summertime sport turned into a preferred hunting technique essential for putting food on the table.

CHARLES BARNETT

WICHITA FALLS — Funeral services for Charles Barney Barnett were held June 4 in the chapel of Hampton Vaughan Crestview.

Charles was born December 1928. He served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and served in Korea. He was an avid fisherman and rattlesnake hunter.

Barney was a resident of Iowa Park for 30 years and loved his friends and community.

He was preceded in death by his wife Jaquita and son Bobby.

Survivors include: his son, Cody Barnett; wife Jody; two grandchildren; one daughter, Sandy; two sons, Charles Barnett, Jr. and Jay Todd Barnett; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Interment was held at the Crestview Memorial Park.

TIMOTHY BEAR

WILSON — Funeral services for Timothy "Tim" Carmen Bear were held May 28 at the Forest Creek Mission with Rev. Marvin Lowe and Bro. Wallace Gambler officiating.

He was born Feb. 9, 1960 to Lucille Berryhill Bear in Claremore. He lived most of his life in the Wilson Community and was a member of the Forest Creek Mission. Tim was very talented in designing handmade jewelry.

Bear was preceded in death by: his mother; infant sister, Georgette Bear; brother, John Buckner Jr. and a nephew, Eco Buckner.

Tim is survived by four brothers and seven sisters: Jay Buckner of Shawnee; Paul Bear of Dover, TN; Michael Bear of Henryetta; Anthony Bear of Franklin, NC; Esther Bell of Shawnee; Janet Bear of Poplar, MT; Marcella Jones of Broken Bow; Debbie Bear of Checotah; Rachell Ramirez, Janice Bear and Georgeann DeLaune, all of Okmulgee; 20 nephews and nieces; 25 great nephews and nieces.

ANDREA GARITY

DUSTIN — Funeral services for Andrea Augustus Garity were held May 26 at Sand Creek Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Self officiating.

Andrea was born on December 19, 2005 in Tulsa to Byron Augustus Garity and Kathleen Sue Wiley.

She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Charles M. Wiley.

Survivors include: her parents; two brothers, Joseph L. and Charles M. Wiley II; one sister, Nora J. Biggoose; two grandmothers, Lenora Wiley of Mannford and Libby Mitchell of Sacramento, CA.; grandfather,

Russell Garity of Owyhee, Nevada; and several aunts, uncles, and other relatives.

Pallbearers were: Byron Garity; Kaylan Norton; T.J. Morgan and Dylan Buckley.

Interment was at the Wiley-Watson Cemetery.

BENNIE KNIGHT

ANADARKO — Funeral services for Bennie Frank Knight were held June 2 at the Ware's Chapel.

Bennie was born May 31, 1946 to Stella (Gutierrez) and Jackson Knight in Claremore.

He was a man of many skills and talents, he truly had a passion for woodworking, a love for gourd dancing and wholeheartedly devoted to inspiring, educating and supporting those in need or to those who were blessed to have known him as a spouse, father, brother, son and friend.

Besides all the many talents and skills Bennie possessed, he was also known for his inspiration, knowledge and wisdom that he shared with everyone. He was a man known for his positive words of encouragement, support and willingness to help in any way he could despite the limitations. He was dearly loved and will be missed by all those that knew him.

A few months before the diagnosis of cancer, Bennie could be seen Gourd dancing with family and friends at nearby pow-wows. He took pride in his culture where he was skilled in beading and making native regalia for himself and others.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Jimmie, and nephew, "little" Ralph.

Survivors include: two daughters, Angel Marie Harris and Jacqui Stella Benavidez; two grandchildren; three brothers, Raymond, Ralph and Pete; five sisters Kenny, Marie, Patricia, Connie and Beverly; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Interment was held at the Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko.

LILLIE MCINTOSH

EUFULA — Funeral services for Lillie (Scott) McIntosh were held June 7 at the Gregg Funeral Home Chapel.

Lillie was born December 31, 1921 to Daniel Scott and Katie (Jesse) Scott at Raiford.

McIntosh attended Eufaula Boarding School for 12 years and 2 years at Haskell School in Lawrence, Kansas. Lillie and her twin sister worked at Boeing, in Wichita, Kansas as Riveters until WWII ended.

She married Siah McIntosh on January 29, 1946 at the McIntosh County Court House in Eufaula.

Lillie worked for Muskogee Government Offices for several years. Siah and her owned and operated the Eufaula Laundry Service and also worked as a Com-

munity Health Representative at Creek Nation for several years.

Lillie was a volunteer for the American Red Cross in Tulsa for 5 years. She was a member of the Bowen Baptist Church. Lillie was baptized on January 15, 1925. McIntosh loved cross stitching, beading jewelry, quilting, flowers, fishing and family get-togethers.

McIntosh was preceded in death by: her parents; one brother, Willie Scott; and three sisters, Elizabeth McIntosh, Bessie Lara and Mercedes Scott.

Survivors include: her husband; four daughters, Helena Russell of Broken Arrow, Joan Grider of Glenpool, Delores Mazingo of Tulsa and Phyllis Tattershall of Inola; one son, John McIntosh of Tulsa; three brothers, Kenathee Scott of Rose, Sam Scott of Blanchard and Jackson Scott of Medford, Oregon; 12 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were: Gerald Girod; Michael Grider; Richard Blalock; Michael Mazingo; Luke and Charles McIntosh; Kenneth Tungate and Daniel Wall.

Interment was held at the Scott Family Cemetery.

Gratitude

It's hard to express in words our gratitude for the love and your prayer's for our beloved wife and mother Margaret Ellen Roberts. Thanks to all who sent food, flowers and all that attended the services. We thank Pastor James Colbert and Weogofkee Indian Baptist Church for conducting the funeral services, Creek Nation, Williamson Funeral Home and Cleo Robinson for their help "God Bless You All". MVTO

James Roberts family

We would like to say "Omvlket Mvto" (Thank You To All) for the expressions of sympathy during our time of bereavement. The many calls, cards, e-mails, flowers, food, prayers and visits were much appreciated.

We would also like to acknowledge Chief A.D. Ellis and Second Chief Alfred Berryhill for their support, as well as the Lighthorse Police who served as the escort to Ron's final resting place. Also, a special "Mvto" to the Sapulpa Indian Community for their support and contributions, and also a "Mvto" to Little Cussetah Baptist Church and others who sang the traditional Creek hymns at the conclusion of the memorial service.

Ron was devoted to his beloved Indian people and tried to help them in any number of ways possible—be it with a few words of inspiration, a small financial gift, or any deed which might be of assistance. He was, though, especially proud of having the opportunity to work with Chief Claude Cox, the late William E. Foster, and Nelson Johnson in establishing the Creek Nation as a Class II gaming operation during the formative years of gaming in Oklahoma.

The love, prayers, and concern which you have shown are much appreciated. May God Bless each and everyone of you. Mvto!

Ronald D. Fixico family



Bear



Knight

Shop talk with Gerald

Congratulations to the San Antonio Spurs on winning the NBA Championship. I have to admit, I didn't think the boys from the riverwalk were going to be there. I thought maybe Shaquille and his Miami Heat would have been hoisting the gold ball in the air. But it just goes to show you what good hard work and discipline will do for you. Take Tim Duncan for example, the guy just goes about his business and gets things done. He doesn't have to jump up and down and scream and yell after he scores, or is fouled. No matter what the situation, he does his patented turn around off the glass and scores two, he goes back down the court quietly. Of course, he acts like he's been there before, the man definitely has some class.

You don't hear the announcers say 'World Champions' much anymore when a professional Champion is crowned. Especially in baseball, basketball, or football. Of course, with all the Euro-leagues and Asian leagues and all kinds of different leagues around the globe, they may just have to have a big world tournament like soccer, double elimination! Winner goes to China!

Good to see OU step up to the plate and place voluntary sanctions on its football program and avoid the unnecessary investigations of the NCAA. The alleged fractions, which are certainly minor, stemmed from questionable recruiting visits during the season. Head Coach Bob Stoops cooperated with the NCAA, but mentioned that other universities have done the same.

Speaking of coaches, Oklahoma State Head Coach Mike Gundy is serious about putting a good product on the field this fall, Gundy, who took over the job after former Head Coach Les Miles left for the Bayou country of Louisiana State, has made sure his players know the team rules. Gundy has already disciplined and removed players from the roster for team violations. Some OSU supporters are worried that he might not even have a team if he keeps bringing down the hammer. But don't worry folks, Gundy is committed to bringing OSU football back to where it was. The Cowboys are definitely going to make some noise this fall, and will play spoiler as well. Eventually being serious contenders in the Big 12 conference.

More about football, the 2005 Native All Star Football game was played on Friday, July 1 at the campus of Haskell Indian Nations University. This event continues to grow and is marked each year by recruiters and coaches alike for its showcase of skilled Native American High School athletes.

Also congratulations to the Native American Boxing Championships in Denver, Colorado that were held earlier this month.

Thanks for sending information about Creek athletes.

Creek ball player part of sports documentary

TAHLEQUAH — When Native Legendz slugger William Lowe squares off at the plate in Little Rock this July, the whole nation will be watching — literally.

The all-Indian softball team was selected as the spotlight team for FOX news, and will be followed throughout the three-day tournament by a camera crew, producing a mini-documentary on the team. At six feet and two hundred thirty-five pounds, they may have a lot to document — Lowe, an outfielder, smashed a grand slam earlier this year at the Carl Smith complex in Tulsa.

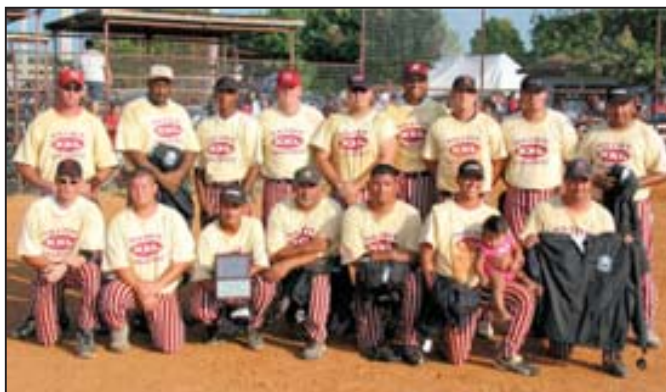
Comprised of twelve Cherokees and one Creek Indian, the Legendz were invited to the 26th Annual Busch-Pepsi Softball Classic in Little Rock after the organizers learned that the Legendz had won the Salt Lake City Native American World Series in 2004. One thing led to another and the FOX News network decided to cover the team's adventures over the July tournament, following them to restaurants, hotels and of course on the softball diamond.

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Manager Lenny Leach, of Locust Grove, thinks it's great. "We're pleased that FOX is

interested in the fact that we're a Native American team. But what we're really focused on is winning the tournament."

Lowe, the newest member of the team, agrees. "Bottom



Native Legendz

line in softball is winning. It's great to show Indians in leadership roles, show us working together and competing at a high level and we appreciate the publicity. But at the end of the day, we play to win."

Spoken like a man on a mission, which Lowe at one time was. A nine-year veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, Lowe finished his service as a designated marksman instructor, the highest level in designated marksmanship. Ordinary folks might call him a sniper. And when the ball comes rocketing over the plate this July, rest assured that Lowe and the rest of the Legendz will have it in the crosshairs.

Creek team goes undefeated

OKMULGEE — The Lil' Braves t-ball team went through an undefeated season by finishing 13-0.

The Braves played in the Green Country Baseball Association.

They would like to thank their sponsors: Casey's Lube and Service Center of Okmulgee, Seminole Tribe of Florida and Maaco Promotions in Stroud.

Garrett Underwood, Brent Bacon, Kyle Sanders, Darius Thornton, Kane Roberts, Chandon Jacobs.



Lil' Braves

Players pictured front row, (left to right) are: and Virgil Sanders.

Pictured second row, (left to right) Lance Gouge, Elijah Contu, Joseph Kahbeah, Bryce Bacon, Kendal Burgess, Eugene Kahbeah, Jr., Dylan Hicks, Mateo Sanders. Not pictured — Sanders McLemore, Jr. (coaches) Frank Bear, Katrina Beaver